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Prices and Prospects.

CONTRACT CLOSED FOR FURNACE COKE

Covering Period of Two Years at 7,00 Tons a Month.

PRICE AT 7 TO 1 RATIO

The Movement For a Central Selling Agency Has Taken a New Tack Has Broadened Out and a New Leadership Has Been Established

Special to The Weekly Courier

PITTSBURG Nov 30—A contract was closed this week for about 7,000 tons of Connellsville furnace coke per month for two years beginning January 1 next, and the basis was probably the same as that in the contract reported a week ago $1 00 for Basic iron at Valley furnaces As a rule negotiations on coke contracts are proceeding slowly A number of furnace interests which will have to buy for the the first half are not actively in the market while those which have been negotiating lately are in no hurry to close

Sales of foundry coke have been light Some furnaces claim to have bought at $1 40 and assert that they can get more at the same figure but as a rule operators are asking no under $1 50

Foundry coke is moving in a limited way but the foundries are not very busy and are consequently not active in the market as they were

We quote the lowest asking prices of regular operators unchanged as follows

Prompt furnace	$1 70@$1 [illegible]
Contract furnace	$1 75@$1 [illegible]
Prompt foundry	$2 00@$2 [illegible]
Contract foundry	$2 25@$2 50

The movement for a central selling agency for the Connellsville product has gone on much further As noted a week ago the call for a meeting in Pittsburg was withdrawn and this was followed by some new interests coming into the field and taking an active part in the discussions so that the movement broadened out and a new leadership including the most influential interests in the region was established Conferences are being held daily between various interests in order to crystallize sentiment which has been badly mixed The idea of selling coke at a fixed price to a selling agent and allowing the agent to sell at a slight advance has been given up entirely it is now recognized that such a step in prices in the present not too strong steel position could not be satisfactorily executed Opinion now leans towards the ratio basis on some schedule which would give a better average than $1 50 on basic iron either by starting at $1 00 iron and increasing the ratio to a higher advance or starting with a higher ratio

A feature of the movement in its very alignment is that its propositions whatever they may be will come technically from the selling agent rather than the producing end and it seems to be pretty clearly established that if anything is done the selling agency will merely represent the producing end of some business already established rather than the establishment of an entirely new agency

The prospects are about even that a definite arrangement will be accomplished for it is necessary that the active cooperation of a large number of ovens be assured and the time has become limited While there are a large number of contracts either running into the new year or to come into force January 1, there is a considerable covered consumption for the period beginning on that date

The foundry and steel market has undoubtedly become much duller than it was though very little business placed of any description The steel interest including the United States Steel Corporation and most if not all of the independents of any prominence are holding a general meeting in New York today to discuss the price situation There is quite a certain element in favor of having lower prices in order to stimulate demand to meet seasonable conditions Apparently however the majority is in favor of allowing prices to stand as the present level

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has placed its full orders for 1911 delivery amounting in all to 1,000,000 tons of coke among the United States Steel Corporation and the Pennsylvania Cambria and Bethlehem steel companies The order is quite a liberal one considering the tonnage which this system has consumed this year

The pig iron market has been very quiet following the sale of 1,500 tons of Bessemer for first quarter reported a week ago a lot of 400 tons has been sold for prompt delivery, both being at the regular price of $15 Valley The only business in Basic iron has been a lot taken by the American Steel Foundries for delivery at Aliquippa and a lot taken in the last few days by the Colonial Steel Company but the precise tonnage and prices involved in these transactions have not been ascertainable The assumption is that the prices were much closer than the open prices of furnaces which are generally on the basis of about $1 00 at Valley furnaces In some quarters it is questioned whether any more can be secured than the prices done some time ago on regularly reported lots, at Valley

IRON AND STEEL.

Steel Corporation Operating But 60 Per Cent of Capacity

Special to The Weekly Courier

NEW YORK Nov 30—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says

As we go to press the leading steel manufacturers are holding a conference for the purpose of determining whether a definite recommendation shall be made to lower prices upon certain products It is known that a wide variety of opinions was taken into the meeting not only by the independents but also by officials of the United States Steel Corporation Some uneasiness has developed of late on account of the well known fact that the various interests are not by any means operating the same percentages of their total capacity and this is somewhat new to the steel industry The Steel Corporation has reduced operations considerably in the past month and is not operating at more than 60 per cent of its total capacity While some independents are probably not doing as well as this others are known to be running at least 80 per cent or practically full

The present condition is entirely different from that existing when finished steel prices last declined for then there was a large buying to be encouraged by reason of there having been a long period of abstention from active buying and a further and important difference is that the present range of prices is very moderate being several dollars a ton below the level of January 1909

The Pennsylvania has placed orders for 1,000,000 tons of rails of 1911 delivery this being a very generous order considering that the system has this year used for replacements only about 700,000 tons and in 1908 used only 1,000,000 In the three preceding years however the system used in a year of over close to 1,000,000 tons so that the present may be regarded as somewhat above a full normal order made so by the light work done in the past two years

The general iron and steel market has shown a sharp quieting down in the past week bringing out the fact that what was called a dull market was only a relatively dull one Prices have shown no material change

COAL CAR SUIT FAILS.

Judge Lanning Upholds Pennsylvania Contention as to Jurisdiction

PHILADELPHIA Nov 30—The dismissal of the suit of the Morris Run Coal Company against the Pennsylvania Railroad by Judge McPherson for want of jurisdiction in January last was upheld in an opinion filed by Judge Lanning of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals

The coal company brought suit against the railroad to recover damages for an alleged discrimination in the distribution of coal cars

Judge Lanning in upholding the judgment of the lower court says that the statutes give the Interstate Commerce Commission primary jurisdiction in the matters similar to the present case and that the coal company should have begun its proceedings before that body

RESIDENTS ELATED

Along Tenmile Valley Over Prospects of New Railroad

Residents of Tenmile valley are elated over prospects for a railroad from Marianna to Hickory which it is thought will be constructed next summer During the present fall railroad engineers have been busy in the line of the proposed road and although some will not do not deny that they are looking for location for a railroad

It is understood that the proposed company is in readiness to build the road at the request of the Pittsburg Westmoreland Coal Company in order to be enabled to handle the output of the company's mine on the Belle Vernon railway between Monongahela and Hickory

Deal at Clarksburg

Last Saturday at Clarksburg a trade was consummated by which the Peacock Coal Company sold to the Rosebud Fuel Company of Clarksburg the Monroe Colliery mine and plant located at Rosebud in Harrison county The price is not given but it is understood to be between $75,000 and $80,000

Reported West Virginia Options

B F Jones and associates of Westmoreland county are said to be the options and purchasers of about 10,000 acres of coal in Preston county W Va The tract is the source of coal one of which is said to make standard coke

New Blast Furnace

Steel Nov 30—At the Hazelton Group of furnaces the Hazelton Iron & Steel Company blast furnaces is being completed and may be ready to light about the first of the year

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING NOV 26 1910				WEEK ENDING NOV 19 1910			
District	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	23,928	13,018	10,880	172,278	23,928	14,870	9,058	174,023
Lower Connellsville	15,201	10,913	4,288	112,791	15,201	11,418	3,780	112,015
Totals	39,132	23,931	15,171	285,049	39,132	26,288	12,844	286,038
Furnace Ovens								
Connellsville	19,077	10,385	8,652	122,209	19,077	12,219	6,858	144,059
Lower Connellsville	4,613	3,120	1,493	8,500	4,613	3,120	1,493	15,415
Totals	23,690	13,505	10,145	160,759	23,690	15,339	8,351	188,474
Open Market Ovens								
Connellsville	4,891	2,663	2,228	20,999	4,891	2,651	2,240	20,961
Lower Connellsville	10,591	7,793	2,798	94,291	10,591	7,998	2,593	106,618
Totals	15,482	10,456	5,026	121,290	15,482	10,649	4,833	127,582

SHIPMENTS	WEEK ENDING NOV 26 1910	WEEK ENDING NOV 19 1910
To Pittsburg	2,367 Cars	2,837 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	1,145 Cars	5,233 Cars
To Points East of the Region	575 Cars	696 Cars
Totals	3,087 Cars.	8,712 Cars

COKE BELOW TWO DOLLARS IS RUINOUS FIGURE.

Iron Trade Journal of Recognized Authority Points Out the Foolish Policy of Selling Furnace Coke at Present Quotations.

The Cleveland Iron Trade Review in its issue of last week makes the comment that the Connellsville coke operators are getting living prices for both coke and iron and that a strong argument in favor of claiming the particular agency which has been primarily responsible for it may be found in this unusual condition, says the Review

The problem of the coke operator is perhaps as difficult as that of any operator himself perhaps excepted. He has learned so often that Connellsville coke is the ideal blast furnace fuel and has its reputation so firmly intrenched with the statement that he prays that [illegible]

[illegible]

As a matter of fact the coke operators have been doing much the same thing [illegible]

[illegible]

The result seems to be that [illegible] the actual conditions with many of the coke producers. The latter [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] times the cost of production [illegible] nothing which will effectually result in coke prices to stability [illegible] south from business [illegible] such [illegible] combination of coke producers into one concern

[illegible]

Production and Output.

LAST PAYMENT

Made by J V Thompson For West Virginia Coal Property

[illegible]

DETAILED FIGURES

Of Production and Shipments of Coke Since January 1

The following table shows the total number of ovens the total in blast total [illegible] and total shipments in the Connellsville region since January 1

[illegible]

ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE

Operating at Smock Mine That Has Some New Features.

[illegible]

THE RIGHT OF WAY

Have All Been Secured For the Buckhannon & Northern Road

FAIRMONT W Va Nov [illegible] Chief Engineer [illegible] of the Buckhannon & Northern Railroad Company who was in Fairmont [illegible] in hunting a [illegible] proceedings for rights of way in this county said that all but six suits were now settled the company has [illegible] between Pruntytown and Buckhannon Rivesville Fairmont Mannington and Mannington in Marion county

[illegible]

In the Latrobe Field

[illegible]

Better Fire Protection

[illegible]

A New Producer

[illegible]

Take Heslep Output

[illegible]

EUROPEAN MINE IDEAS

Attache of Arsenal Testing Station Returns From Big Tour

A telegram from Washington this week stated that H W Paul who has charge of mine rescue work at the Pittsburg station of the rescue stations being placed in service by the Government is returned from Europe where he has been at the instance of the new Bureau of Mines of which Dr Holmes is head to study the European methods of mine rescue work and to inspect the most approved mines in England Wales Scotland Belgium and Germany

His chief purpose was to see the purchase of rescue and breathing apparatus which is similar instrument the rescue work [illegible] Mr Paul will equip an experimental mine in the Pittsburg district probably some one of the mines at Bruceton Mad but the equipment will be [illegible] condition [illegible] of experiment made from the station is not to be [illegible] which is flooded with noxious gases

Primrose Mine on Fire

[illegible] owned by the High Valley Coal Company [illegible] the Big Mountain [illegible] Meyers and [illegible] attempted [illegible] before the fire of the workers could be organized

West Virginia Statistics

[illegible] 171 coal and coke [illegible] operating in the [illegible] Norfolk & Western railway in West Virginia [illegible] companies [illegible] shipped last year [illegible] tons of coal and [illegible] tons of coke

ALASKA NEEDS HER COAL.

Governor Urges the Necessity of Opening the Mines

WASHINGTON Nov 30—[illegible] Governor Clark of Alaska in his annual report to Secretary [illegible] Interior and public [illegible] the development of the large coal resources of Alaska [illegible] restrictive legislation [illegible] the new Bureau of Mines of which Dr Holmes is head [illegible] Alleghany [illegible] Mr Paul inspected mines in England Wales Scotland Belgium and Germany

[illegible]

MINE RESCUE CARS

Cars Which Will Man Three of Them Are Formed

[illegible]

Reported West Virginia Options

[illegible]

Deal at Clarksburg

[illegible]

Residents Elated

[illegible]

COKE PRODUCTION TAKES BIG SLUMP.

Reduction of 40,000 Tons in Connellsville Region Last Week.

SHIPMENTS ALSO DROP OFF

Show a Decrease of 650 Cars or Loss of 20,000 Tons—Poor Running Time Made in Both Regions—The Ovens Blown Out

The Connellsville coke trade has established a very low record for production and output with a corresponding decrease in the price prospects It begins to look as if nothing but some sort of a united effort by the policy would save the situation from disaster It is evident that Connellsville coke is being sold at less than cost and it is only a question of the length of time the producers can stand this ruinous sale

Production minished 12 per centum last week and 1,600 ovens went out of commission The full of these were furnace ovens to be sure but the coke company operators reduced their output by [illegible] tons being a matter of 11 per centum While the production suffered a reduction of 40,000 tons the shipments indicate a reduction of not [illegible] tons We assume that considerable demurrage and possibly some stock coke went out on the cleanup The week contained the Thanksgiving holiday but it is doubtful whether this had any effect upon conditions The Connellsville district has been running practically five days a week for some time past The Lower Connellsville district has done better time but it is evident that the Thanksgiving holiday was taken with the full in free consent of the operators

The situation has grown so strong in favor of the central selling agency proposition that there is a better prospect now of its early and successful formation than there has ever been The promoters of the movement are proceeding cautiously at bottom there is still to be some legal complications such as those which overturned the window glass selling agency if they seem to be in the right track The central selling agency will be in operation before the year is ended The coke business is in a serious distress and there could not probably be more commission business offered in the same

Production as well as aggregate shipments for the week ended November 26 were [illegible] tons [illegible] for the week [illegible] Furnace ovens [illegible] tons [illegible] [illegible] tons [illegible] [illegible] tons [illegible]

SELLING AGENCY IS NOT ORGANIZED.

Story Printed in Uniontown Morning Paper Denied in Pittsburg.

A KNOCK FROM THE BROKERS

Who Would Be the Sufferers From Organization of a Central Selling Agency—John W Bolleau Says Name Was Used Without Authority

were somewhat startled Saturday morning by the following rather remarkable special which appeared in the Uniontown Herald under a Pittsburg date line of Friday

The owners of about 20,000 independent coke ovens in Western Pennsylvania today agreed by word of mouth to sell all their production to one Pittsburg selling agency that it will be conducted by John Bolleau a well known coal and coke promoter

There was to have been a meeting of coke makers held here today for the purpose of talking matters over and formally promulgating the proposition but on advice of attorneys this was called off last night it being decided not to have anything formal in the way of a meeting in order not to give the authorities any kick as one of those interested put it

The price of coke would be practically controlled by Mr Bolleau and will be raised with the output

In view of the fact that there are all told just 17,48 independent or merchant ovens in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions it looked as if Mr Bolleau was exhibiting unusual enterprise in not only arranging to control the whole output and regulate its price but also to suddenly increase it about 50 per cent

When called up on Saturday by a representative of The Courier Mr Bolleau was somewhat indignant over the liberties taken with his name He declared that the story was mere fiction and denied it in toto

In coke circles it is the consensus of opinion among those who have been active in forming the selling pool that the story has originated among coke brokers or has come from some dissatisfied operator and has been circulated with malicious intent They are confirmed in this belief by the statement that the meetings are being held secretly to deceive the government authorities

ORDERS COMING.

Negotiations on For Nearly $10,000,000 Steel Material

Orders for approximately $9,87 000 worth of steel rails structural material pig iron and coke have reached in advanced state of negotiation in the Pittsburg district and in other places throughout the country and are expected to be placed before the first of the year In addition a number of large contracts have been awarded during the last few days involving several millions of dollars One deal providing for the coke supply of a large concern for two years, which was consummated involves an expenditure of about $ 7,000

Aside from the above the board of directors of the New York Central railroad has authorized President W C Brown of that road to purchase 25 locomotives Such an order will involve about $8,000,000 A number of the locomotives it is said will be made in the Northside plant of the American Locomotive Company

With the big orders pending and others which have been awarded Pittsburg workingmen had good cause for thanksgiving yesterday and have for many days to come for the orders mean continued prosperity for this district A pig iron order worth $200 000 is pending in the Pittsburg district and will be awarded probably within a few days In the East other pig iron contracts involving about $2 000 may be let in the near future inquiries now being circulated for the iron

The Pennsylvania New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio railroads are interested principally in orders for 00,000 tons of steel rails which will be placed before the first of the year At the rate of $28 a ton these orders will be worth $8,400,000 much of which is expected to come to the Pittsburg district The structural material contracts which will likely be awarded soon involve about $1,200 000 a part of which also probably will come to this district

A consuming interest near Pittsburg has placed an order for 50,000 tons of coke for two years the order involving about $1,225,000 Other contracts which are pending for coke are worth $100,000 a month

FORM A COMPANY

Pittsburgers Will Mine Coal in West Virginia Smokeless Fields

Pittsburg men have formed a new coal company to be known as the Keefer Coal Company of West Virginia with a capital of $ 0,000 to operate mines in the smokeless coal fields The incorporators are W W Keefer H H Patterson H W McMaster W M Henderson and George Preiss all practical coal men of Pittsburg

W W Keefer is head of the Pittsburg Terminal Railroad & Coal Company operations along the West Side Belt Line and George Preiss is Vice President of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company The new property it is said will be a big operation

WANT PLANT.

Uniontown Genius Prints Story Concerning Dunbar Furnace Co

The Census of Liberty last evening published the following story concerning the Dunbar Furnace Company and the possibilities in the case of a change in ownership

Considerable unrest prevails in this section relative to the fate of the Dunbar furnace whose troubles seem to be cumulating to its possible downfall The most serious trouble now apparent is the inability of the company to get ore with which to keep the furnace going The Cleveland Heights company is said to be holding up the ore supply and in order to keep the furnace going the management is gathering up the old Canadian ore that was years ago stocked in quantity in waiting for the construction of a washing apparatus that would take out much of the dirt in the ore raising its analysis from about 50 per cent to 60 per cent thus allowing its more economical use

In the present emergency however, it is all the company has to keep the furnace moving For months the company has been engaged in opening the natives ores in the Irishtown mountain and some of the ore had been gotten out and was being used with profit mixed with the richer fine ore The openings are not sufficiently advanced to allow enough ore to be gotten out to operate the furnace and to make matters worse when the company was forced into the hands of a receiver work of mining this native ore was stopped in the interest of economy

It is said that as long as the furnace can be kept in operation there is some hope of keeping it out of the hands of the sheriff but if it once stops it will be seized upon and sold What the outcome will be is a matter of surmise but it is of great concern to the people of this town for were the furnace to stop entirely it would throw one thousand men out of employment and probably distress many families

Rumor has it that the Cleveland Heights company wants to get hold of the plant and hopes to buy it in case of a forced sale It is known also that the Cambria Steel company and the U S Steel are desirous to acquire the plant and the New Haven & Dunbar railroad charter the latter being of much importance to the P R R as it furnishes the most direct and least expensive route for tapping the Bruceton coal field of West Virginia

$100,000 MORTGAGE

Of Long Standing Filed Against the Dunbar Furnace Company

The web of financial difficulty continues to weave itself about the affairs of the Dunbar Furnace Company the latest chapter being the foreclosure of a mortgage for $100 000 given in 1886 to Anthony J Drexel and renewed from time to time finally expiring in April, 1909 The latest move is made in the Prothonotary's office the plaintiffs in the action being William P Gest H Gordon McCough and W C Harris substituted trustees under the will of A D Jessup deceased assignee of Anthony J Drexel, original holder of the mortgage Walter C Harris one of the trustees under the will of Jessup, is also receiver for the defendant company Attorneys Johnson & Rush Uniontown and H S Drinker Philadelphia, represent the plaintiffs

In addition to the mortgage an involuntary action in bankruptcy has been brought against the Dunbar Furnace Company in the United States District court at Philadelphia by the Conestoga National Bank at Lancaster the Farmers Bank of Lebanon and the Harrisburg National Bank of Harrisburg on claims for $ 000 each representing the amount of drafts drawn on the order of the Dunbar company accepted by F R Wistar & Company and which have been protested

The affairs of the Dunbar Furnace Company have been in the hands of a receiver since July 2, 1910

EXPERTS VISIT

Jamison Mine No 1 Which Was Sealed Up for Almost a Year

The first visit of experts from the government testing station in Pittsburg made to the Greensburg coal field was Saturday when two of the corps on duty there came to Greensburg and went to the No 1 mine of the Jamison Coal & Coke Company where they explored part of the workings that have been sealed for almost a year on account of a fire which broke out in the mine at that time

Some time ago the Jamison company sent some of their men to Pittsburg to take instructions and Saturday two of the experts from Pittsburg came to Greensburg and accompanied the employes of the company into the mine and investigated matters

It was found that the fires had been smothered when the workings were sealed It is thought from the examination made Saturday that the damages to the property will not be heavy

The most modern apparatus was used oxygen helmets being worn to protect the men in case of gas or any other dangerous condition The visit was quite satisfactory and it is likely that the company will start to operate that part of the mine as soon as it can be put in shape

Brothers Killed in Mine

Walter and John Patterson brothers, were killed in the No 7 mine of the Consolidation Company near Cumberland Saturday

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Nov 26, 1910.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
260	130	Acme	W J Rainey	New York N Y
50		Acme	Perry Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	250	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
102		Alverton No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
104		Alverton No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
197	160	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182		Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke C	Greensburg
190		Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
100		Bilner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
86		Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co	Uniontown
130	100	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240		Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200		Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50		Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant.
300	200	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
7	[illegible]	Carbon	Keystone Coal & Coke Co	Greensburg
72		Carolyn	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
303		Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
54	4	Chester	Sarsburn Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
198	0	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co	Dawson
120		Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	320	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	00	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	200	Continental No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	200	Continental No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120		Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
438	10	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Dexter	J R Stauffer & Co	Scottdale
220		Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	40	Dunn	Dunn Connellsville Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Ellen No 1	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown
180	6	Ellen No 2	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown
50		Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
215	12	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
156	56	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
[illegible]		Foundry	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	10	Franklin	B F Keister & Co	Scottdale
105		Frick	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
101	40	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
231	46	Grace	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
232	200	Heela No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	200	Heela No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	200	Heela No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
60		Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Home	Stauffer & Wiley	Scottdale
300	300	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
100		Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Junction	Marietta Ganister Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
300		Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	220	Leisenring No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
196	200	Leisenring No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
102	200	Leisenring No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	200	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	200	Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Little Sunshine	Kyle Coke Co	Uniontown.
30		Love	Clyde-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
96		Mahoning	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar
510	200	Marmon	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
600	200	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
25	[illegible]	Marion	Marion Coke Co	Udell, Pa
40		Marthabel	Northern Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
140		Morgan	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
310	310	Mt Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg, Pa
185		Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
72		Myers	Brownfield Coke Co	Uniontown
209	140	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
282	200	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	328	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
499	499	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
218		Tamer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
489	222	Paul	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
35		Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co	Pennsville
10		Perry	Marietta Coal Co	Perry
60	200	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120		Rainey	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
446	220	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
289	200	Revere	W J Rainey	New York N Y
26		Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
110	110	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
4		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
38		Shoney	Southern Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
455	200	Shorf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
627	400	Southwest No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Southwest No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Southwest No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
151		Southwest No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
61		Spring Grove	Cochran Bros	Dawson
500	400	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
4		Sterling No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
160		Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
10		Summit	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
43		Thomas	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown
40		Tip Top	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
64		Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
70	50	Trip	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
50	150	Trimble	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
0		Valley	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	50	Veteran	Veteran Coke Co	Greensburg
100	100	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Yorkshire	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
211		Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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CONNELLSVILLE REGION NOTES.

From the old Dunlawn mine in the [illegible]

A bigger part of the coke works in the region laid off for the Thanksgiving Day

Roy McCracken boss driver at the Tower Hill No 1 plant of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company located at Republic narrowly escaped death Saturday when he was hit by a fall of slate His right side and thigh were crushed by the slate and the Uniontown hospital surgeon was amputated McCracken's home is at Mt Pleasant He was for years employed in the West Penn Railways Company

John Posh and Luke Kopes coke workers were killed at Leisenring No 1 crossing Connellsville on Monday Posh was employed by the Connellsville Coke Company The plant is not now in operation

The Continental No 1 plant is running 300 out of 400 ovens working five days each week

An improved model of the diggin machine invented by Colonel Edward O Lode superintendent of the United States Steel & Coke Company at West Virginia has been installed at the Elder plant of the H C Frick Coke Company and is said to be surpassing the expectations of the original machine at Cary W Va The machine was built at the Leisenring Frick coke shops

H R Stiles superintendent of the [illegible] Coke Company has taken up his residence in Uniontown for the winter

The new mining schools are to be established [illegible] Fayette City [illegible]

The basement of the new church at Dawson is completed This was done by the H C Frick Coke Company as the people of some intent [illegible] Mr Frick people [illegible] thanks of the church people [illegible]

Jack Beighle who is employed at the Mahoning mine at Dunbar met with a serious accident while at work last week The horse which he was driving fell and rolled over his ankle badly injuring it

The mine of the new Rammel Coal Company near Whitney has been put in [illegible] The mine is on the Pittsburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad

The Pittsburg car demurrage bureau reports the total number of cars handled by the coal railroads of which it has record for the month of August at [illegible] 718 as against 26,640 in August 1909 and [illegible] in August 1908 [illegible] for the eight months ending with August [illegible] 17,881 cars [illegible] 8,716 cars 1908 [illegible] cars

A conditional verdict of $[illegible] against the Coal Company in the suit of the Morgantown Coke Company against the Pennsylvania Railroad for the alleged discrimination in the distribution of cars has been set aside by a decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals

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A NEW ROLLING MILL PLANNED.

J. A. Stauffer Has Bought Farm at Scottdale for Site.

BEGAN WORK TWO YEARS AGO

Mr. Stauffer Also Expects To Have Other Plants Locate on Overholt Acreage Which Will Become the Keystone City in Near Future.

SCOTTDALE Nov 30—Jesse A Stauffer and his associates whose names he does not care to divulge at this time but who he assures one are of the most stable and trustworthy business character says that times bid well to see the successful culmination of a plan that he has spent much of the last two years He has bought the Martin O Overholt farm on the West Overton road and expects to erect a rolling mill to re-roll steel rails, a large and profitable industry As things stand now Mr Stauffer says he is fully in shape to begin operations and continue them with a plant having a capacity of 100 tons per day of steel rails ranging from 12 pound one to the big 60-pound T rails Such a plant would require a building 700x300 feet in dimensions where from 100 to 150 men would be employed in two 10 hour shifts necessary in this branch of manufacturing At Newark and Cumberland mills of this type are in successful operation Mr Stauffer last all took an extensive western trip on this matter investigating the opportunities and engaging capital He is well satisfied, he says with the conditions

While the company is not yet incorporated the name has been selected as the Keystone Rail Mill and the locality will be called the Keystone City It is a suburb of Scottdale being joined to the northern end of North Scottdale The land adjoins that of ex Overholts heirs and the lands occupied by the Continental Silver Company and the distillery A branch of the Mt. Pleasant branch of the Pennsylvania railroad traverses the land while the West Penn railway line is also through the property It adjoins the Eastbrooke plan of Scottdale and the streets of that plan will be continued straight through Workmen are beginning to clear the farm of fences and old trees etc and Engineer J B Hogg of Connellsville is to be employed to make a plan of the best site on which to locate the mill and also to make a plan of a town there which will be christened Keystone City

Besides this re-rolling mill other plants will be sought after to locate here No bonus will be asked from Scottdale although Mr Stauffer says that other places have offered 10 per cent of whatever the corporation will be capitalized at

MINING SCHOOLS

Being Established With Good Results in Washington County.

In pursuance of a plan inaugurated at a meeting of mining men in Charleroi recently a number of mining schools are being established in various parts of Washington county within inspector F W Cunningham's twenty first district Schools are likewise being established in other counties

Dr Crane the dean of the State College mining school has promised Inspector Cunningham that he will come to that section some time in the future to give lectures at various places It is proposed to have him lecture in at least three places Monongahela which is in the first bituminous district and Charleroi and Brownsville in the twenty first district Fecondary schools of Pittsburg are likewise promised to send out a man to give lectures

The mining schools are being established partly through the help of the Y M C A Inspector Cunningham is getting a large part of his literature from the Y M C A Thursday night a school was started at Roscoe by Mr Cunningham and John J Kairns who is a mine foreman at Vesta mine

COAL GOES OUT

Of the Pittsburg Harbor for Points in the South

With the departure from Pittsburg on Sunday of a great coal fleet more than 1000 rivermen were given employment, about 4000 others, working in coal mines up the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers and at marine yards are assured of jobs for some time to come and southern cities are rejoicing over the prospects of fuel famine being broken

It was the largest shipment of coal to go out of the Pittsburg harbor since last June the magnitude of the fleet as it made its way down the Ohio river yesterday attracted many spectators to the banks of the river

The Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company sent away the steamers Sam Brown Coal City, Charles Brown, Valrant Jim Wood Sam Clark Cruiser, Fallie Donsales James Moren and Boaz assisted by the Tornado Rival Volunteer Little Fred and F C Risher The United Coal Company sent out the Helen White Budd Coal Company the A R Budd Peoples Coal Company the C W Thomas and the Diamond Coal Company the steamer Monitor

COAL SHIPMENTS

To the Northwest From Pittsburg Mines is About Over

Practically all of the shipments of coal for the Northwest from Pittsburg mines were suspended Saturday and what coal remains to be moved from the lower lake ports to Duluth and Superior docks will be shipped out on the last of the great ore vessels that go up from Cleveland and Ashtabula this week Some of the coal companies are cleaning up delayed tonnage on rail and mill contracts and it is expected that the normal winter trade will be running in a few days

Aside from the Pittsburg Coal Company which is the heaviest lake coal shipper the Carnegie Coal Company and the Pittsburg Buffalo Company have broken records this year in shipments Officials of these companies yesterday stated that a tonnage of coal shipped to the Northwest this season would show a gain of 1,000,000 tons over 1909 and would pass the highest tonnage record ever made in the lake coal movement

DYNAMITE USED

In Attempt to Blow Up Keystone Coal Coke Company House

GREENSBURG Nov 29—(Special)—An attempt was made at an early hour this morning to blow up a house at the No 1 works of the Keystone Coal & Coke Company, south of town Two charges of dynamite had been placed under the house and were connected with long fuses Both were fired but only one of them went off The force of the explosion broke all the windows in the house and shattered the front steps A foreign family lives in the house and they were shaken up and badly scared but escaped unhurt The explosion occurred at 12 30

Officials of the company went immediately to the scene and the State police were notified and a search is being made for the perpetrators of the crime

NOTES FROM OTHER REGIONS

N I Barker representing H H Hunter of Columbus president of the Maynard Coal Company and local agent for the Big Ivan Coal Company of Pocahontas W Va has been trying to arrange with the Norfolk & Western Railway for a branch and distribution others for a branch for supply Mr Parker says the company is mining more coal under the ownership than ever before in its history and that little doubt remains that it will soon be placed on a paying basis

Leading citizens of Wise county Va have recently undertaken the organization of an association for the purpose of advertising the resources of that county with view to inducing them to be better of investors and to aid in development enterprises It is to have a show window which to contain a publicity campaign Tourists and mineral and agricultural exhibits and resources of the county

The Keefer Coal & Coke Company has been chartered in W Virginia with an authorized capital of $100,000 by W W Keefer H H Patterson H W McMasters W M Henders and George W Jones all of Pittsburg Pa The company will operate in Fayette county W Va and have its principal office in Pittsburg

It is announced at Pittsville Pa that the Reading Coal & Iron Company is about to strip off the whole top of the mountain between Shamokin and Weitzville which will permit of the mining of hundreds of thousands of tons of coal in daylight without the danger of mining underground

A peculiar phenomenon was witnessed recently in the Cerdo colliery of the Kingston Coal Company near Kingston when a fire explosion occurred in the coal bins The fuel has been in the bins for years and water coming in contact with the burning portion was converted into steam in the interior of the pile where it was confined by the surrounding mass of material When the pressure became sufficient it burst the brick blower with a burst of flame and steam which was seen and heard for miles

The Jamison Coal & Coke Company of Pittsburg in the Greensburg basin recently placed in service 100 steel cars

A falling roof opened the Pacific mine of the Ash mine near Nanticoke to the waters of the Susquehanna river and miners had to be rescued in the flooded workings

The shaft being constructed at the Martin farm in Forward township Washington county and by which the Monongahela and Bunola mines will be ventilated is nearing completion the concrete work being within three feet of the top When this part of the work is completed the fan house will be erected Brick for that is now being delivered on the ground The shaft is 8x14 feet in size and is one of the largest in this part of the valley The fan to be erected will be capable of furnishing sufficient ventilation for both mines which are now connected by means of their main entries and is expected to improve present conditions in this respect

In addition to this new shaft and fan other improvements are being made at both mines Bunola having installed a new 10-ton gathering motor with the purpose of increasing the output of the mine No mules will be displaced by this motor the object being to increase each man's output and decrease the working force At the present time the mine is idle awaiting a rise in the river so that coal can be shipped south

Docks to cost $100,000 will be built by the Erie railroad at Cleveland along the Cuyahoga river The plant will include a coal dumping battery as well as other expensive dock machinery

The Black Valley Coal Company of Pittsburg has installed in its mine at Armagh Indiana county the latest improved equipment and the mines are connected with the power plants which is a series of blasts of air which clears the face of the fighting force

The Monongahela Run Railroad is making a fill at Jacobs Creek at Adelphia The people along the creek

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Nov. 26, 1910.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operator	P O Address
40		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
40		Amen	Amen & Walker Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		Annapolis	John R Cuthbert	Uniontown
139		Atchison	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Cairo
20		Baxter Rodgers	Baxter Price Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
60		Bigelow	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	470	Bitner Hill	Bitner Hill Coke Co	Bitner Hill
30		Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
40		Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Brownsville
150	150	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Fairchance
35	16	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
20	6	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
24		Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
500	500	Colonial No	Colonial Coke Co	Fairchance
150	14	Colonial No 1	Colonial Coke Co	Fairchance
500	500	Colonial No 4	Colonial Coke Co	Fairchance
142	127	Cyrilla	Rocks Coal & Coke Co	Shamokin
20	04	Crystal	Sackett Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
162	140	Donald No 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
240	240	Donald No 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	160	Donald No 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
9	16	Dorothea	Iron City Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
41	41	Dorothy	Jacobs Creek Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
500	20	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
100		Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
142	142	Elanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
52		Emery	South Fayette Coke Co	Monongahela
200	200	Fairbank	Strathers Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
30	1	Finley	Jas Byrne & Co	Connellsville
400	4	Footmalie	H C Frick Coke Co	Scottdale
200	140	Francis No 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Francis No 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
89	8	Fretts	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
		Garwood	Dunlap Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
490	60	Griffin Nos 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	211	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Dawson
2		Hillton	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
74	74	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
34		Hope	Hope Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
100		Hurstead	Hurstead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Cincinnatus
75	75	Katherine	Tri-County Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200		LaBelle	LaBelle Coke Co	Lafayette
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
462	0	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
516	460	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	20	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
260	260	Low Price	Connellsville Central Coal Co	Pittsburg
0	0	Madison	Sackett Coke Co	Pittsburg
51	51	Maron	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
144	144	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Pittsburg
202	202	Mckeesfrey	Mckeesfrey Coal Co	Leetonia, Ohio
247	140	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
75	40	Mt. Hope	Mt Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
80		Murphy	Pehard Coal & Coke Co	Star Junction
30		Newcome	Newcomer Coke Co	New Salem
40		Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
480	16	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
24	24	Parshall No 1	Pittsburg Coke Co	Uniontown
165	165	Parshall No 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
70	5	Perry	Perry Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
22	20	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
296	98	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
120	8	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Osborne
250	250	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
272	196	Royal	W J Palmer	New York N Y
272	0	Searight	Searight Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
240	40	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
100	60	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
240	20	Sterling	Consolidated Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
400	20	Thompson No 1	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	20	Thompson No 2	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
151	16	Tower Hill No 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	140	Tower Hill No 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	40	Washington No 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	20	Washington No 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
40	40	Wine and	Banning Connellsville Coke Co	Buffington

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ing for the railroad is on the south town

The Pocahontas Consolidated Company of Scottdale W Va has awarded the contract for the erection of its proposed $100,000 electric power plant

The Penn Gas Coal Company of Fenn township Westmoreland county has found the John Berger farm consisting of 120 acres of land in the Youghiogheny field on which 33 wells have been drilled to be in the district of 30 employed houses

FREIGHT RATES

On Coke From the Connellsville Region as Quoted by Railroads

Akron O	[illegible]
Baltimore	[illegible]
Bay City Mich	[illegible]
Beaver Falls Pa	1 [illegible]
Bellville Ill	[illegible]
Boston	[illegible]
Buffalo N Y	1 [illegible]
Cairo Ill	
Calio Ill when destined beyond	[illegible]
Canal Dover O	14
Chicago Ill	[illegible]
Chillicothe	[illegible]
Cincinnati O	[illegible]
Cleveland	14
Columbus	14
Crestline	[illegible]
Dayton O	80
Detroit	[illegible]
East St Louis Ill	[illegible]
Emporium Pa	1 80
Erie Pa	1 [illegible]
Evansville Ind	[illegible]
Ft Wayne Ind	[illegible]
Greenshurg Ind	[illegible]
Harrisburg Pa	1 70
Indianapolis Ind	[illegible]
International Bridge N Y	1 [illegible]
Lockport N Y	1 [illegible]
Louisville Ky	[illegible]
Maysville Wis	[illegible]
Milwaukee Wis	2 7
Monroe	[illegible]
Muskegon Mich	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]
Oil City Pa	1 [illegible]
Peoria Ill	[illegible]
Pittsburg	[illegible]
Richmond Ind	[illegible]
Richmond Va	[illegible]
Shawnee O	1 70
Shenango Pa	[illegible]
Wheeling W Va	1 0
South Amboy N J	
Suspension Bridge N Y	[illegible]
Terre Haute Ind	[illegible]

RECENT PATENTS

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[illegible]

Railway switch J [illegible]

Nut locking [illegible]

Ventilating apparatus J [illegible]

Mine car [illegible]

Ventilating [illegible]

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Mining machine [illegible]

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC 1, 1910.

A SELLING AGENCY BY WORD OF MOUTH

The Uniontown Herald, with its customary enterprise, proceeded this morning to pool the merchant coke business of the Connellsville region in a manner so thorough and comprehensive as to exceed the highest hopes of the plodding architects of the proposed central selling agency

It announced that the operators had agreed by word of mouth" to sell their production to John W Boileau, but that the meeting for that purpose had been abandoned, in order not to give the authorities a chance to kick"

An agreement 'by word of mouth is good if one can prove it and if it can be proven for one purpose it may be for another If, therefore, has no advantage over an agreement in writing; on the other hand an agreement in writing proves itself beyond dispute.

The coke operators of the Connellsville region are making such agreements for the sale of their coke every day Many of them have been made with brokers who persistently undermine the market It is to avoid this ruinous policy that the operators are seeking to unite on fair prices, and it is not believed in spite of recent federal decisions, that a central selling agency organized under the plan proposed will be disturbed by the authorities

Such an agency will not represent all the coke business of this region and by no means all the business of the country Its restraint of trade will be relative, not positive If all relative restraints were adjudged illegal business would have to be conducted individually This would be sweeping retrogression A monopoly is the only reasonable definition of an illegal combination in restraint of trade

Justice is progressive not destructive

U. S GOVERNMENT AS A COAL OPERATOR

The announcement that the United States Government may engage in the business of coal mining sounds rather odd, but the statement that its mining operations at undertaken will be conducted in the Pittsburg district is perfectly natural

It is not, however proposed that the United States mining operation shall be in any serious sense commercial or competitive, but only philanthropical and paternal Dr J A Holmes Director of the Bureau of Mines proposes that he be furnished with a coal mine in which to conduct the experimental work of be Pittsburg Testing Station in a thoroughly practical manner The mine will be small and will be operated just sufficiently to make it self supporting '

The Pittsburg operators welcome the proposition for a twofold reason They are properly interested in all the experiments looking toward any improved mining practise which promises to be more efficient and economical, more safe and secure and they are also desirous that the United States Government shall obtain at first hands the cost of production the prices and the profits of the coal business in the Pittsburg district, so that it may be officially known that the operators are not charging exorbitant prices and paying inequitable wages

We would respectfully suggest that the Bureau of Mines might enlarge the scope of its inquiry and the value of its findings by purchasing a small coke plant in the Connellsville region and extending the proposed inquiry into both coke and coal prices and wages

THE COMING OPPORTUNITY OF THE COKE OPERATORS

In spite of the shadow of Democratic Tariff folly which falls athwart the industrial situation there is reason to think that the business world is regaining a reasonable confidence in the situation, and that the bugaboo of impotent meddling is being estimated at its true value

John W Gates the dominant spirit in the Republic Iron & Steel Company announced in a recent speech that this company would spend $15 000 000 in enlarging its Youngstown O plants in anticipation of the new business resulting from the completion of the Panama Canal, and there is no question but that the cutting of this waterway connection between the Atlantic and the Pacific will greatly enlarge American commerce

The railroad situation is improving owing to the growing conviction that the railways will be fairly treated in the matter of rates, and a number of the leading transportation interests are preparing to place then long delayed rail orders

These orders should have an uplifting effect upon pig iron and coke prices The rail manufacturers have maintained their prices, and are not likely to cut them much Good prices for rails will naturally tend to strengthen pig iron and coke prices

The situation will be in the hands of the producers but it will not be improved to the proper extent unless the furnacemen and the coke operators get closer together

The coke producers are trying to do their part and note too soon Those who profit by a favorable situation are those who are able to grasp it when it comes Opportunity is neither a promiscuous nor a persistent caller

THE REVISION OF THE RAILROAD TARIFF

The business interests of the country desire a quick ending of the railway rate question, but they also want freight rates adjusted equitably, and in these matters they voice public sentiment

The West Virginia railroads are directed to wait awhile longer for permission to advance rates The West Virginia railroads should not be asked to wait a moment longer for permission to advance certain coal and coke rates, which are manifestly discriminating against other coal and coke districts, but if he Interstate Commerce Commission is of the opinion that they are not now too high then the Interstate Commerce Commission should cite other railroads to show cause why coal and coke rates out of certain Pennsylvania fields should not be instantly lowered to a point where they will bear equitable relation to those in force in certain West Virginia fields or why other rates in West Virginia fields should not be reduced to the basis of certain Ohio rates

What the railroads want is more revenue to meet increased expenses and within reasonable bounds they are entitled to it but what the people want is AN EQUITABLE REVISION of the railroad tariffs, not A HORIZONTAL REVISION UPWARDS

PITTSBURG'S AWAKENING AND CONNELLSVILLE'S NEEDS

The recent timely and forcible address of our old coke region merger friend John W Boileau, before the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce relative to its first and most imperative duties has evidently aroused that body from a state of innocuous industrial desuetude to a condition of activity in the work of locating new and diversified industries which more than anything else promote the growth and sustain the prosperity of all urban communities In respect to this movement, the Pittsburg Dispatch says

Within a few days a meeting of the Trade and Commerce Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at which efforts will be made to outline a definite program looking to the securing of smaller and diversified industries for Pittsburg This and other efforts are being made independently of the commercial organizations expected soon to bring about concerted action and give evidence that the campaign recently inaugurated has not been in vain From this end it is expected that a determined effort will be put forth by the business men of the community to regain the leadership Pittsburg has enjoyed in the past and to make that leadership more noteworthy and more secure

Many phases of the activities of the community will be brought into play to achieve this much desired result It is realized that all the possible advantages to a manufacturing industry will have to be learned and put in such shape that they can be apparent at a glance and that other disadvantages will have to be obviated in order that prospective industries may be induced to locate here which might be brought here may be secured If manufacturers must be shown that Pittsburg is the best place for them to locate in every way both for themselves and their employes

Transportation facilities, switching competitors, better financial opportunities, good homes for workmen and recreation and educational advantages for their families and their children are all factors in the showing which the city must make to its manufacturers whom it wishes to bring here Pittsburg has made great strides in the recent past in the direction of better homes for the average person of greater opportunities for recreation and social life Better attention to the children of the public schools The living conditions of the workingmen are no small item of consideration for the employer It is stated authoritatively by the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that one reason for the moving of big industries from Youngstown from Pittsburg was the fine housing conditions were better all around there for the workingman For instance they could ride to and from their work on cars free instead of having to pay double fares for themselves every time they went to work and having their families do the same when they wanted to visit their homes

It is realized that the plan for the building up of industrial Pittsburg must be upon about a broad scale and to this end there have been suggestions that the matter be placed in the hands of a committee of the leading business men so that the confidence of capital and industry will be immediately commanded Manufacturing sites properly located with respect to rail facilities so as to bring orders sites within the most favorable radius a liberal attitude on the part of capital in favorable assignment of industries regards taxation are considered the principal things to be taken into account

In both the city is distressed and it is expected to be within the near future must be taken as a whole in the mapping out of it with respect to the smaller industries It is not doubted that there are many such sites within the present boundaries of the municipality and many more in the region to be proposed soon for annexation into the city limits The city is most favorably located as regards raw material for the like

That there will be need of application and thought and money before anything like results can be brought about is obvious A liberal fund with which to undertake the work is one of the first things needed It is necessary but it is not doubted that once the business men are put to work to look into the matter that the money will come to all the funds will be forthcoming With the combined efforts of the railroads and the business men actuated by the best interests of all it is confidently predicted that in months will see the beginning of a new and bigger and better Pittsburg

We commend this extensive but comprehensive summary of the industrial needs of Pittsburg to the enterprising and active Connellsville Chamber of Commerce With but very slight adaptation they fit our case voice our needs, express our hopes and point out the path of action

THANKSGIVING DAY PAST AND PRESENT

Thanksgiving Day is a day annually set apart by general sanction and official proclamation for the primal purpose of giving thanks to the Supreme Being for the blessings which have been vouchsafed us individually and collectively during the past year The pessimist will say he has nothing to be thankful for, but many things to complain of The latter may be true but the former is not Besides, the pessimist mistakes the purpose of the day We give thanks for the things we have enjoyed and for the things we have endured We live to forget the evil and remember the good

Thanksgiving Day was established by the Pilgrim Fathers in the infancy of Plymouth, nearly three centuries ago, and it remains an American institution to this day The Pilgrims were a handful, huddled on the bleak Atlantic shore Before them was the ocean, storm tossed and angry, behind them the howling wilderness peopled by savage foes in their midst stalked gaunt famine and ghastly plague But if their faith was stern their purpose was high if their situation seemed desperate, their hearts were stout and with iron determination they set themselves to the task of overcoming the obstacles which nature and circumstances had placed in their pathway, and in the heart of the struggle, when fate seemed hardest and victory furthest from their they gave thanks to that God in whom they placed their trust that they were still alive and able to fight life's battle bravely They forgot their ills and remembered only the hopes they had for the future hopes it will be recalled, that blossomed in the sunshine of thereafter and helped to lay the foundation of the greatest republic the world ever knew

The average American citizen of today has infinitely more to be thankful for than those who established this Thanksgiving Day The cost of his living may be high and his income relatively low He may be in ill health but he has more comforts more scientific treatment more hope of recovery than those who suffered at Plymouth in 1621 If he has health and strength he has all and more than the Puritan forefathers had been so he has more and greater opportunities to turn them to profit He has much more to hope for than those who founded this div and conditions appalling to other than hearts full of courage and faith

We have much to be thankful for and on this day we will do well to give a brief period of our busy lives to serious introspection We do not stop in our heedless existence often enough to contemplate the past and think of the future from other standpoints than those of cold and calculating business or mad and intoxicating pleasures

On this Thanksgiving Day therefore let us remember that he present might be worse and that the future is not without the glint of hope and for the blessings which have been our portion in the past and the hope of others in the future, let us be thankful!

WELCOME WESTERN MARYLAND'

The Chamber of Commerce will extend the right hand of Connellsville's fellowship to the Western Maryland railroad managers this evening and we indulge the hope that the handclasp will be a pledge of amity and cooperation for mutual advancement

The city needs the railroad and the railroad needs the city The Western Maryland will help the growth of Connellsville and the greater the growth of Connellsville the larger will be the Western Maryland's share of its tonnage and traffic

No enterprising and progressive community has any business quarreling with its railway systems The railroads and the towns are dependent upon each other like unto the people of a household and it is to places to dwell together in peace and friendship, helping one another over the rough places and having in all times the interests of the house at heart

There is too much of the doctrine of hate being preached in the country in the discussion of railroad questions The railroads are not the enemies of the people necessarily or inevitably They have done more to develop the natural resources of the nation and make it a premier World Power than any other contributing cause

Connellsville owes much of its progress and prosperity to its excellent railroad connections and it expects more from the same source That is the business reason why Connellsville business men bid the Western Maryland officials a hearty welcome

Besides the Maryladers are reputed to be worthy gentlemen with whom meeting on any occasion or in any capacity

AN ADVERSE DEMOCRATIC RATIO

The editor but ill informed editor of the Uniontown Genius Democratic tariff for revenue only organ of Fayette county prefers the following request

A WINTER'S RATIO

Possibly the versatile editor of the Courier will kindly explain why the increase in Republican majority in Fayette county has been followed by a heavy slump in the coke trade

Their the more ovens put in blast than at any time since the Dingley tariff under the McKinley bill

The increased Republican majority in Fayette county an ordinarily contributed to the election of but a single Republican member of Congress Fayette county went right but too many other districts went wrong with the result that the coming House will be controlled by Democrats who avow that they will revise the tariff on a Free Trade basis The Senate is Republican, though the balance of power may be held by the insurgent element The Payne Aldrich bill was not wholly to the liking of the President While it is not probable that there will be any changes in the Tariff though any efforts of the Democratic House, unless such changes are recommended by the Tariff Commission yet there is in the situation enough of menace to cause capital to hesitate and business to falter Fayette county rules coke production, but the nation regulates coke demand The slump in the coke trade is traceable to the Democratic majority in Congress, not in the Republican majority in Fayette county

Referring to the second paragraph, we may say that this is another attempt to mislead the public The ovens banked under the McKinley bill," in 1891, were banked on account of extensive labor troubles culminating in strikes and suspensions But there were many more ovens banked under the Wilson bill in 1894, when for a period of six months the coke region was in a state of seige owing to the big strike The shutting down of ovens in 1891 and 1894 was due to strikes and lockouts, not to any effects of the Tariff laws It will also be well to remember that the number of ovens in the coke region have increased considerably since the periods mentioned In 1891 there were 17,204 ovens in the region and in 1894 there were 17,531 There are now 29,1[illegible] ovens 1,844 of which are idle The idle ovens of today, though representing but 1½% of the region's total in 1910 would represent 74% of the total of 1894 It is, therefore quite possible that there are more idle ovens now not than there were then but the fact is not significant of anything save the wonderful growth of the Connellsville region

We may add that the Republican ratio is not adverse, but the Democratic ratio was adverse

SAFEGUARDING STREET CROSSINGS

The better safeguarding of street crossings in cities and towns, especially such crossings as are constantly traveled is becoming a more insistent public duty because the fatalities resulting from this cause are becoming relatively greater The railroads are still the chief offenders but there are others which will have to be reckoned with

We will not consider that old evil of the deadly railway grade crossing The movement against it is becoming general and no remedy proposed more effectual than the common but not wholly efficient safety gate McKees Rocks which now has safety gates and watchmen at most of its dangerous crossings meets the Baltimore & Ohio railroad's suggestion for additional tracks and wider right of way through the city with a demand that the tracks be carried either overhead or underneath Homestead makes a similar demand upon the railroad's passing through that borough Similar movements are afoot in towns too numerous to mention It is fair to the railroads to say that they have tried their policy for some years past to avoid grade crossings but that policy has only been put into force under new conditions The railroads have enough trouble just now without inviting more

Connellsville has no quarrel with the railroads It desires their good will and cooperation in its development and increase The Chamber of Commerce which represents its business interests offers amity and reciprocity But there are some dangerous railroad crossings in Connellsville and with due respect to the judgment of railroad management it seems to us that safety gates at some if not all of the dangerous points are good investments for railroad companies Local governments only fulfill their duty in demanding this protection for the people Perhaps if the Connellsville authorities presented this question in a friendly and fair spirit a satisfactory settlement could be made with the railroads especially in view of the fact that under city government the safety gates will have to be erected and maintained by the municipality on demand of the city under ordinances duly enacted

But the railroad crossing is not the only deadly peril which confronts the people Quite as dangerous to the careless and speedy automobiles which whizz around our street corners too often without any regard for the rights of pedestrians and with little respect for the requirements of the law

We cannot consistently ask the railroads to establish and maintain safety gates at dangerous crossings when we permit automobiles to run at even greater speed around crowded street corners Automobiles are not permitted to run so in the cities and Connellsville is now a city in everything but name

The Town Council should pass an ordinance regulating the running of automobiles in the crowded thoroughfares in the same manner as they are regulated in other places The speed limit required by law can be modified by ordinance and regulated to greater safety by requiring every machine to slow down to a walking gait at every crowded corner

Let us not discriminate in our speed regulations

THE ASSASSINATION OF SANTA CLAUS

Every now and then some materialistic mutt attempts the assassination of good natured good hearted loving old Santa Claus the patron saint of childhood who never harmed a soul and who has been the wonder and the delight of the ages

Such offenders should be indicted for murder in the Juvenile Court and pursued to condign punishment What little remnant of living, pulsating heart they have should be removed from their breasts and a stone substituted They should suffer within themselves what they would visit upon trusting innocence

Childhood has its joys and sorrows but no days in life are larger and fuller of happiness and the happiest days of the whole year are those of Christmastide Whether in the home of riches or poverty, children look forward with eager expectancy to the day when Santa Claus shall visit their homes and leave them tokens of remembrance To dispel this glorious illusion is to deprive the little ones of more than half their pleasure

We protest in the name of childhood's happy hours against the murderous attacks upon the sainted person of Santa Claus

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The Brownsville Herald says that the Republican victory was not caused by its political Tariff and Currency doctrine but by the lecture and dramatic method in which they are delivered It is useless to argue with an editor who asserts that the country is in worse shape than it was when the Democratic tariff was passed and that the McKinley bill and Dingley one were responsible for the panic and that is the fact that the people voted when they suffered if the Herald does not so will not

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It is alleged that the Fort Wayne is about to be a Pennsylvania railroad company If this be so we presume the main line is silk

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The Dawson schools celebrated Thanksgiving Day in the right spirit they gave only people reason to be thankful

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Uniontown is threatened with the loss of its auditing company of Hickok & Brownson Mr Hickok stated that he would be compelled to do this if the city did not pay the company the money it owed it and if the city did not do so it would be compelled to depend upon local talent

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Dunbar humane seems to be due to a certain organization The Dunbar Herald says that the society should be entitled to the credit for the relief

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The United States mint issued a bulletin showing the West Virginia coal production which is coming great this year and Pennsylvania heads the list of coal producers

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The stations of the Baltimore & Ohio railway system in the Pittsburg district have grown to be equally as bad as the worst in the coke region and the most notorious in the country Stations are dirty and dilapidated and the service is worse

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The Bey Scouts have taken to the trail as scouts

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The strike may be over in the Greensburg Irwin district but dynamite remains

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The story that the Pennsylvania railway interests wrecked the Dunbar Furnace Company is the [illegible] building contract [illegible] the New York Dunbar railroad [illegible] interests

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Friends of The Courier are respectfully requested to bring [illegible] anonymous communications [illegible] to properly [illegible] respect to good and sufficient reasons which have been not explained Please [illegible] your name that we may know [illegible] upon whose authority we publish what is written We [illegible] publicity otherwise

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Mine explosions are getting epidemic in the south and West Federal legislation will not only help the disorder in check but it will eventually eradicate it

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The eagerness of Western Maryland for instruction is pretty good evidence of its earnestness

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The coal business is booming itself without the necessity of combination The coke business also has a boom without combination Combination is sometimes advisable at other times it seems unnecessary In proper combination however both lines are the best of the line

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The State Banking Commissioner commends the old fashioned Pennsylvania building and loan association With its home officers minimum cost of management and known responsibility and condemns the foreign get rich quick associations with their high-sounding officers agents and promoters This is but a partial confirmation of what The Courier has often said to be the [illegible] of the Connellsville coke region stick to the home association

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The Western Maryland and the Baltimore & Ohio have given the Connellsville [illegible] for the Connellsville to Cumberland [illegible]

The Deepwaterways Convention voted down a resolution to censure President Taft in the [illegible] but it did [illegible] narrowly scored a little [illegible]

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The town of Humbert in Somerset county [illegible] Humbert [illegible] Town Council [illegible]

The object of the Auto Club has [illegible] the [illegible] protection and [illegible] Trust [illegible] Roosevelt [illegible]

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WESTERN MARYLAND OFFICIALS RECEIVE A HEARTY WELCOME

From Chamber of Commerce and Guests Numbering Three Hundred Who Attend Banquet at the Armory.

THE NEW ROAD PROMISES MUCH

For Connellsville and Officials Express Belief That Entrance of the Western Maryland Will Attract New Industries—Work of Chamber of Commerce Praised.

A year of success the progress was celebrated at the second annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce in the Armory Tuesday at which time occasion was afforded to entertain as guests of honor several of the general officials of the Western Maryland Railway, which is building to Connellsville and which within another year expects to have its trains running between Connellsville and the east. By the time another year rolls around and the third annual banquet is held it will be possible for the Chamber of Commerce to again entertain these same officials and many others besides, and congratulate them upon the completion of the important connecting link which will connect the Atlantic seaboard and the Great Lakes by another trunk line.

The exceptionally successful work of the past 12 months and the brilliant prospects of future promise were discussed in a most happy vein by a number of those present. An era of good feeling between Connellsville and the officials of its newest railroad was inaugurated. There was but one disappointment the failure of President B. F. Bush, General Manager Alex Robertson and Chief Engineer H. R. Pratt to attend. They were unable to be present. President Bush because of threatened illness of a more or less serious nature. General Manager Robertson on account of an unexpected press of important business matters which required that he remain close to headquarters, and Chief Engineer Pratt owing to mishaps in his department that occupied his entire time.

Superintendent J. A. Shepherd and Trainmaster F. L. Brendel, both of Hagerstown, expected to be present but were detained by a court case. In spite of this thinning of the ranks, the officials who were so fortunate as to be on hand not only spoke entertainingly, but apparently enjoyed themselves and appreciated Connellsville's hospitality.

Only the drill hall of the State Armory is sufficiently large to accommodate 300 persons with comfort and as a consequence there was some congestion in the reception and cloakrooms both before and after the banquet. This was a mere incident of the evening, however, and whatever inconvenience was encountered by those caught in the rush, was of such passing moment as to be quickly forgotten. The banquet itself was most enjoyable, turkey being the principal dish, with other delicacies in abundance. The tables were prettily decorated. The table at which the guests were seated extended the entire length of the hall on the west side and 32 had then places. There Fourteen other tables all of them filled on both sides were placed at right angles with another table the same length as the rest along the east side of the spacious drill hall. The dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. and the service considering the number of guests in attendance and the inconveniences that had to be contended with, was prompt and efficient. Each table was served by a sufficient number of ladies to insure prompt attention for all.

It was nearly 9:30 when the last course was served, the coffee sipped and the cigars and cigarettes lighted President Worth Kilpatrick announced the banquet was held to commemorate the close of the first fiscal year of the reorganized Chamber of Commerce and called upon Secretary J. Fred Kurtz for his report on the year's work. The 12 months of activity, push, prosperity and progress was outlined in detail by Secretary Kurtz.

When the applause following Secretary Kurtz's report had died away, President Kilpatrick spoke more at length upon the work of the Chamber of Commerce and urged its hearty support by the business interests of the community. He urged a closer relationship between the citizens of the town in developing its resources to the utmost. He then introduced Attorney E. C. Higbee as the toastmaster of the evening. Attorney Higbee read the regrets of the absent officials, extended the glad hand of welcome to the visiting railroaders and excited the audience to applause in admonishing them not to boast or lord it over our neighboring community up the branch despite the fact that we are the only city in Western Pennsylvania except Pittsburg that is on three railroads and two of the great trunk lines. He then introduced Industrial Commissioner Austin Gallagher, who read a paper on "A Still Greater Connellsville."

"I have had considerable advantage over most of you," resumed the toastmaster at the close of the paper. "In making the happy acquaintance of two gentlemen outside. One has the name and confesses he is of the blood of a great statesman who came from Indiana and I have become so much attached to him I can almost guarantee his robbers. I wish to introduce Mr. John T. Hendricks, Freight Traffic Manager of the Western Maryland."

"I heard the report of your Secretary," began Mr. Hendricks with great interest and it is most pleasing and awe inspiring to be brought in such close contact with the busy men who are the backbone and mainstay of a busy city like Connellsville. Expect like this time when this city is the goal of the Western Maryland. This will be the terminus of our line and is the most attractive place upon it because freight to and from Connellsville will be the best producer of revenue possible. The [illegible] important manufacturing cities along our line but there is none we will do more for than Connellsville or look for better results. Indeed, I would be willing to do in the face of this great being which is over as in order to favor Connellsville. Of course you know I refer to the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is a great reputation to break those laws in order to benefit this city.

"After hearing the report of your secretary I cannot help but feel more acutely the possibilities for results from cooperation and teamwork among you. That means there is no limit to what can be accomplished. I expect that in the future this city will be foremost among the manufacturing centers of the United States.

"It is a sing to the Western Maryland officials to realize that within the period of one year the road will be an integral part of the city of Connellsville and will contribute towards its success. Today you have three one railroads and very soon the Western Maryland will contribute to success in the future. We are yours to command and we will obey.

"I got along well with Brother Hendricks and am glad he said the Western Maryland was ours to command," said Toastmaster Higbee. "When there are orders to be given they are handed to the General Freight Agent. I am glad he is here for he is the one we want to know when we go after switching facilities. We will hear from Mr. T. G. Smiley."

Mr. Smiley quoted old Judge Colley, who said "beware of the fatal facility of speech" and explained when the "Western Maryland" men make speeches they have one made to order, and put a cylinder in Colonel Gallagher. Mr. Smiley then humorously referred to the headlines he read in the Courier of yesterday. He explained that he is so busy gathering in the shekels to pay for the new railroad he did not have time to prepare a speech. He said, however, that when he came back looking for business he wants to get some of that welcome from the business men here.

Toastmaster Higbee then introduced General Passenger Agent F. M. Howell who stated that he had a spot picked out in one of the prettiest mountain sections he hoped some day would be called the Connellsville colony. He called attention to the beautiful sites along the Western Maryland where there are summer hotels and cottage communities. He further expressed the hope that when he meets the Connellsville business men again that it will be on the historic field of Gettysburg one of the greatest of all attractive places along the system.

"The passenger development of the Western Maryland," Mr. Howell continued, "is a matter for the future. We will make this pledge, however, that as far as possible we will advocate a train service satisfactory to the distinguished body of guests and know it will suit the people of Connellsville. We will have a good passenger line. Speaking for myself and my associates I assure you we appreciate this warm and hearty reception and we want to give you sometime a good old Maryland welcome."

Mr. Howell paid a neat tribute to the ladies who served the banquet.

Toastmaster Higbee called on J. C. Groome, real estate agent of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie, for a few remarks. Mr. Groome stated that the Lake Erie has in mind the proposition in splendid shape and the Lake Erie will be in readiness to connect with the Western Maryland when that time arrives. He declared he knows of no city between Pittsburg and Baltimore than will be materially benefit by the new railroad as Connellsville.

J. W. Bollinger, F. A. Madas and D. A. Boley, heads of the three new industries secured for Connellsville during the past year made brief addresses applauding that their plans were well along and will soon be in active operation.

Toastmaster Higbee took it upon himself to express the appreciation of the Chamber of Commerce and the people generally for the presence of the Western Maryland officials and to invite them to return as often as possible. President Kilpatrick called attention to the annual meeting this evening at which time five new directors will be elected. The banquet was then at end.

While the dinner was being served Kurtz's orchestra played many selections. At the concluding number the Star Spangled Banner the entire audience rose until its completion. The banquet opened with a brief invocation by Rev. George P. Donehoo.

Secretary Kurtz's Report

The report of Secretary J. Fred Kurtz for the Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

A large number of the men in attendance here were present at a similar banquet held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on December [illegible] last. A short year ago the hopes of many of the [illegible] workers on that occasion, this is a unit. It is a fact that the Chamber of Commerce of Connellsville [illegible] stands [illegible] and [illegible] of the community's resources, industries and inhabitants and [illegible] of the splendid progress gained through years of successful work [illegible] Thus men diagnosed Connellsville's trouble as dry rot and prescribed herein loss of the old fashioned spirit and the reorganization of the old Chamber of Commerce.

The air was blue with pessimism. Those of you who were there will well remember it only one speaker [illegible] that the splendid natural resources of Connellsville warranted an industrial advance and a consequent uplift and so thoroughly did he present his arguments that others were induced with his faith and the members of the Chamber of Commerce rallied to their banners and resolved to pull the old town out of the rut and the rate of progress. It started on the upward move and not only to get it started but to keep it moving.

Prominent business men and business organizations throughout Connellsville took counsel one with the other and admitted that [illegible] had been neglected and decided that the town be made the splendid adjustment [illegible] its resources warranted. Such a plan there existed would not be to carry their plans into effect but they wisely put their shoulders to the wheel, giving it an impetus and next [illegible] appeal to the Chamber of Commerce and [illegible] into the world to see what manufacturers could be secured that would be beneficial to the community.

Through a combination of fortuitous circumstances and work intelligently and everlasting persistence [illegible] have been accomplished during the first year. [illegible] that where it is a [illegible] way.

The fact that the citizens of Connellsville were willing to [illegible] and not pulling and hauling in different directions had an immediate and [illegible] effect on capital at large. Confidence was restored, faith strengthened and a call from present [illegible] against the difficulties that result from town in its off its feet and [illegible].

The members of the Chamber of Commerce realized that they should use their best endeavors to get into operation plants already located in Connellsville but which for one reason or another had been idled for a long period as well as secure new industries for the town.

Acting in the name of all for the town the Chamber of Commerce took up with the officials of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company the matter of starting the Humbert mill. It so happened Connellsville and assured them that Connellsville realized the full value of this plant to the community, deeply felt the loss occasioned through its being closed and promised them the hearty moral support of not only the Chamber of Commerce, but the entire city if they would resume operation at the Humbert mill.

Undoubtedly the time was propitious for such a start and it was not only because of the activity of the Chamber of Commerce that it was made but there can be no gainsaying the fact that the assurances given by the Chamber of Commerce as representative body of the community had great weight with the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company.

The Humbert mill was put into operation and has since been enlarged and improved and we are pleased beyond measure to be able to report that it has been idle before conducted with the greatest degree of economy and success.

This is a notable illustration of what can be accomplished by concerted and energetic effort. The Humbert mill is now employing in the neighborhood of 100 men to whom between $4,000 and $25,000 is paid each month. A large portion of this money is spent in Connellsville to the consequent betterment of each banker, merchant and professional man here.

If the results of the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce for the past year had been confined solely to the accomplishment of this one thing each member should have felt that its existence was fully warranted and its continuation a necessity.

Fortunately, however, the Chamber of Commerce was able to do still more for Connellsville.

After a thorough investigation it concluded arrangements with the Keystone Tube Works, manufacturers of special welded steel tubing to locate its plant in Connellsville.

Through the generosity of the Wheeler Improvement Company a tract of land containing about three acres at a point just at the edge of the borough limits and in the immediate neighborhood of the old Lincoln steel plant was donated through the Chamber of Commerce to this company. The Keystone Tube Works has erected a new modern mill on his ground and completely equipped same with up to date machinery. The prospects of this concern are unusually bright and it is expected by them that they will have to keep their plant in continuous operation 24 hours in the day and 365 days in the year to properly care for the business in sight. Not only do they already have orders sufficient to compel them to run double time but future requirements in special tubing as well as in other lines have become so pronounced and well indicated that the management of the Keystone Tube Works is even now planning the erection of additional mills to take care of this increased business and to this end have purchased five acres of land from J. B. Hogg and six acres from the Hogg estate.

The Keystone Tube Works will employ about 100 men for the [illegible] few months and double that amount or even more as soon as three plants is operated to capacity.

The men at the head of this company have had many years of experience and Connellsville is especially fortunate in having secured such a concern.

It was through the officials of the Keystone Tube Works that the Chamber of Commerce was put into touch with Mr. Daniel C. Ripley. Mr. Ripley came to Connellsville on a flying trip and if it had not been that Connellsville had an organization alert enough and ready to deal with him and bring to his attention the resources of the community this city would not today have the splendid plant of Ripley & Company for Mr. Ripley at the time of his visit to Connellsville was seriously considering another location and had practically decided to close the deal within several days.

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce a satisfactory site was made to Mr. Ripley at the plant at South Connellsville previously occupied by an automobile company and three small adjoining pieces of ground secured by the Chamber of Commerce and turned over to the company, one portion of this land being sold and given free by the Connellsville Extension Company and the other two pieces purchased by the Chamber from the Wildwood Metal Coating & Manufacturing Company and the South Connellsville Lumber Company.

The officials of the Chamber of Commerce have been strictly in sympathy with the Ripley & Company. As we have said this is a most desirable industry and should possibly have been located here. The company for many years was a prominent factor in the Pittsburg Glass Company, employing about 37 men and his son D. Andrew Ripley, the younger, is a graduate of Yale and was superintendent of the South Side works in Pittsburg for a number of years.

Back of a practical [illegible] and adequate capital the management of Ripley & Company will request nothing in connection with establishment of a plant of this character in Connellsville. A very generous offer has been made by them to the people of South Connellsville and machinery and equipment of the best and most modern type installed. Present [illegible] men will be employed at the outset and provided the enthusiasm of 400 men is within the next three years the conditions will be same.

We think this [illegible] congratulation [illegible] Connellsville on the acquisition of this new and [illegible] industry. In its [illegible] Mr. Ripley [illegible] and Mr. Ripley [illegible] Mr. Ripley [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and

ORPHANS' COURT HOLDS SESSION.

Routine Business Transacted Before Judge J. C. Work.

R. E. PORTER IS GUARDIAN

The Usual Number of Petitions and Orders Were Before the Court This Morning and Met With Approval of the Judge

UNIONTOWN Nov 28—At the weekly session of Orphans Court this morning considerable business was transacted all of which was of the usual routine order

Ralph E Porter was appointed guardian of Helen Gertrude Crouse minor child of Ada G Crouse deceased Bond in the sum of $1 300 with J R and J D Porter as sureties was approved The ward is 18 years old and resides in Connellsville

The petition of the Citizens Title & Trust Company guardian of Nellie B Springer a minor to sell real estate to Joshua Ronsacker for $1 000 was granted The premises in Nicholson township will be sold

W B Albright administrator of the estate of Mary Rebecca Challant was directed to erect a headstone at the grave of the deceased the cost to be $90 This amount has come into his possession since the audit of Challants estate

The bond of $1 000 of David C Foltz with R J McGee and R M Carroll as sureties in the estate of Mary Ann McCrusker was filed today and approved Foltz is the executor

The Citizens Title & Trust Company was appointed trustee of the fund of $ created by the sale of real estate of the late Hannah Minser of North Union township The appointment was made on petition of George W Paull administrator But $208 of the estate remains the balance having been used for the payment of debts

The court confirmed the payment of $984 01 to Helen Miller of Fairchance mother of Herbert C Mary A and Sarah F Miller by their guardian the Fayette Title & Trust Company This amount has been expended in their interests and a further order was made directing that $100 more be appropriated for their needs

J V Thompson filed a bond of $400 in the matter of the sale of real estate for John T and Frederick K Hogg minors to William H Randolph The bond was approved

In the estate of Walter C and Rebecca S Brownfield Marcellus C Stuck guardian filed a petition asking that the filing of an account be waived at this term of court and an order was made directing that a final account be filed at the September session of 1911 It is claimed that the expense at this time will be more than the estate can spend the only fund at hand being realized from a pension

The Citizens Title & Trust Company was appointed guardian of Lester W Miller minor child of the late Oliver W Miller of Uniontown The ward is 17 years old and lives in Pittsburg

The petition of the Fayette Title & Trust Company as guardian of Harriet and Clyde C Stout minor children of Malinda Stout of Connellsville township was granted The wards attend the Connellsville High School and it is that each be allowed $5 for school clothes

The inventory and appraisement list of the personal estate set apart for the widow was filed in the estate of Charles C Lavos of Point Marion and George Roberts of Redstone township In the Lavos estate $400 was set aside the balance being reserved in the Roberts estate

THANKSGIVING

Spirit As It Was Exemplified in the Dawson Schools

The spirit of the Thanksgiving Day season was emphasized in a most practical way by the teachers and pupils of the Dawson public schools last Wednesday Dawson like all communities lies within the radius of its immediate surroundings those whom begins in our experiences of life have so influenced that the spirit of the day is in measure forgotten or lost to them

To teach in a concrete way the spirit of thankfulness for the health prosperity the happiness they enjoy the suggestion was made that each pupil bring some living friend as an expression of their thoughtfulness and interest in those who were less born still unsupplied than they were in the necessities of life

The response was both generous and applicable to the demands of the occasion A large spring wagon load of those things most needed was accumulated and distributed to those for whom they were intended It was a most beautiful expression of the essential goodness of the child heart of their willingness to share their possessions and pleasures with others when pleaded to in the right spirit and must possess for them a refined moral value not to little minorities

This was the first time the school attempted such a movement but in the plan displayed by the children last Wednesday in giving the gifts can be taken as an index it is a safe prediction that it will not be the last

DAM THE YOUGH

To Help the Town is the Latest Plan Being Boomed

A municipal improvement is being agitated that would mean much to Connellsville that of throwing a dam across the Youghiogheny river just below town slackwatering the stream sufficient to carry off the sewage which accumulates along the banks when the water is low and is a constant menace to the health of the community It is proposed by those interested to have Council help with this improvement and to collect the balance if necessary by public subscription

It is estimated that such a dam would cost in the neighborhood of $5 000 Those interested in the matter argue that the benefits accruing from such an improvement would offset the cost of it The advocates declare that the health of the community is constantly endangered because of the low stage of the river permitting the accumulation of sewage and other filth along the banks They argue that with the stream slackwatered a sufficient depth to cover both banks at all times will settle this sewage before being washed away before it can settle along the edges and decay

It is further pointed out that slackwatering the stream to this extent would not only be wise for sanitary purposes but would afford a means of amusement to the public in giving a long stretch of quiet still water on which boating parties could find enjoyment in the summer and ice skaters in the winter Good swimming would also be possible as the treacherous currents would to a great extent be eliminated

The matter if understood will be put up to the Borough Engineer for his views as to the feasibility of the plan and if he concurs with the opinion of those who favor the dam a petition will be presented to Town Council If Council would agree to bear a portion of the expense it is believed a sufficient amount could be raised to cover the entire cost of construction

HYATT NAMED

As Assistant Postmaster For City of Connellsville

Postmaster A L Kurtz Monday received notice that the recommendation of Thomas B Hyatt to become Assistant Postmaster Greenwald upon the retirement of Clark Collins from the service has been confirmed The appointment of Ralph L Hyatt as general mailing clerk effective the same date is also approved

The improvement was also made in another change that will be hailed with welcome By beginning December 1 both the stamp and general delivery windows will be open from 7 A M to 8 P M Previously one window is used for both purposes resulting in almost constant congestion

With the arrival of the Red Cross seal in town Postmaster Kurtz stated this morning that those using them should observe care in affixing them to letters and parcels This is specially true regarding mail matter for other countries some of which will not permit the seals to be used on letters or parcels and others that will accept mail matter only when the seals are affixed to the reverse and not the address side

The Post Office Department has issued suggestions that persons using the seal affix them to the reverse side of all letters and parcels in order that letters may not be confused with stamps The Red Cross seals will not carry packages through the mail and have no commercial value

SURPRISE GIVEN

On Wednesday Evening For F E Oglevee of Vanderbilt

A surprise was given F E Oglevee when about 20 of his friends dropped in rather unexpectedly and spent the evening playing progressive pedro and eating turkey The surprise was engineered by members of Mr Oglevee's family who prepared the dinner in anticipation of entertaining a number of decidedly hearty appetites

The dinner was pronounced by W D McGinnis who is something of an epicure the best turkey dinner that was ever served and there was far too much for benevolent assimilation

There were no prizes for the pedro experts Had there been Mr Cochran with the highest number of points would have won the first Burgess Evans of Connellsville was second

There were six from Connellsville present W D McGinnis Evans Dr C S Horner Dr Hugh Baker Dr H C Hoffman and J W McCleren

GOT BUCK DEER

Roy McLaughlin Was Successful in Cameron Pa

Roy McLaughlin of Vanderbilt brought home with him last Wednesday evening one buck deer weighing 200 pounds Roy was one of a Connellsville party which went to Cameron county Pa a few days ago on a hunting trip They were quite successful bagging three deer in all McLaughlin getting one of them

HAD FINGER BROKEN

Main Clerk Isaac Sisley Off Duty For Several Week

Isaac Sisley P R R main clerk of Pittsburg to Fairchance is on duty with a broken finger as the result of an accident with which he met a week or so ago

Until he is able to return to his regular work he will fill the position as train clerk at the local office of the Adams Express Company

HAVE RAILS LAID BY AUGUST 1ST.

Western Maryland Division West of Confluence Will Be Finished Then.

WORK ON BRIDGES PROGRESSES

The One Across the Casselman at Confluence is to Be Completed This Week and One at Ohiopyle Next Hill Company Builds Trestle

The rails will be laid and the road ready for operation by the first of next August is the prediction of those in charge of the division of the Western Maryland between Confluence and Connellsville The contractors are being rushed at utmost speed to have that portion of the road completed by next August The general officials of the road have fixed November 1911 as the time for beginning operations The stretch across the mountains will take longer time to complete than the work on the western division of the line which begins at Confluence

Work on the bridges is progressing rapidly Division Engineer Hillhouser said today that he expected the bridge across the Casselman at Confluence would be completed and ready for the structural inspector Friday of this week and the first bridge at Ohiopyle the work on the latter bridge was halted a little sudden yesterday when the church people of Ohiopyle got after the officials and made them promise to be said the structure was The contractors back to the work because it would have been possible to have let a considerable concrete yesterday Two of the big piers on the west bridge have been completed

The Robert Hill Construction Company has started work on the trestle across the Baltimore & Ohio tracks at Fayette Station on which the earth to fill across the third bottom will be carried This work will be rushed as quickly as possible The work will interfere with all the work on the lines to some extent

SPITZNOGLE OUT

After Nine Weeks in Room From an Auto Accident

SOMERSET Nov 28—Harry Spitznogle proprietor of the Hotel Vanmeter on Monday made his first appearance at the office in nine weeks and although some persons might think he was attracted from his comfortable rooms by the charm of school marms such is not the case

It was his first day he was able to leave his room since his leg was broken in an automobile accident at the Friedens crossing on the S & C branch He walks with the aid of crutches and it will be several weeks before he is able to bear his weight on the limb The leg is encased in a plaster of Paris cast

TAKE PROPERTY

Lake Erie Company Accept Options on the West Side

The agents of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad have the Coke traffic deals be made on four several properties on which options have been accepted Along Seventh street the properties were selected of Mrs Connelly Mr Elizabeth Wolf John F Torrence Mrs W J Dunn Mrs Katherine Watson Mrs Hannah Thompson and C S Freed

This and that number of Lighter street properties were also accepted No money will be paid until the deeds are turned over

DISPUTES LEGAL RIGHT

Of W S Blaney to Foreclose Mortgage on Farm

Disputing the legal right of Winfield S Blaney to foreclose a mortgage on Lowe Furnace owned by Mrs Stella B Blaney Sheriff was secured a rule on the plaintiff to show cause why judgment recently obtained should not be opened and the defendant let into the defense Petition to open judgment was presented to Judge R E Umbel at chambers Saturday The right is to secure the opening of judgments aggregating more than $4 000

ARM TAKEN OFF

As Result of Accident in the Tower Hill Mine

Roy McCracken boss driver in the Tower Hill plant of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company located in the lower Connellsville region narrowly escaped death Sunday when he was hit by a fall of slate His right side and limb were caught by the fall and at the Uniontown hospital his arm was amputated

McCracken's home is at Mt Pleasant and was for years employed as conductor on the West Penn railway

BUILDING NEW HOME

Augustus Stickle Will Erect One to Cost $3 000 at Mill Run

Workmen are at present engaged in erecting a $3 000 home at Mill Run for August Stickle The owner does not expect to occupy the property but it is said that a physician is expected to locate in the town in the near future and will reside in the new home

OVER 100 000 000

Will Be New Population Figure For the United Sattes

WASHINGTON D C Nov 28—(Special)—The census of this year will show a population of more than 100 000 000 in the United States and its possessions near and remote Applying the percentage basis indicated by returns to date from 10 states and two territories it is shown that including the Philippine Islands Porto Rico Guam and Samoa but including Alaska and Hawaii the population of the United States on the same basis of calculation is 101 971 621 Ten years ago the population of the same territories was 76 078 227

The official figures will not be announced for several weeks Eighteen States and territories show total gains in the last years of 1 112 000 or 1 per cent

Three of the 10 largest cities of the world are in the United States namely New York Chicago and Philadelphia New York is the second in Chicago the fifth and Philadelphia the ninth

A RECORD YEAR

For Booze and Cigarettes Uncle Sam's Statisticians Report

WASHINGTON Nov 28—The United States has just passed through a financial year rich in records and statistics of all sorts and for the Government the fiscal year shows in its figures of business and revenue a distinct advance over that of the year before

It has been a year of remarkable activity in the manufacture and consumption of tobacco and liquors and the Government has taken in more than $300 000 000 in internal revenue taxes from these two articles

The total receipts from all other manufactures and industries including the income tax and corporation tax will be about $300 000 000 or a total of $600 000 000 or more than one-fifth of the total revenue of the Government

There was a decrease in the consumption of cigarettes of 1 000 000 000 but an increase of 1 000 000 000 in the number of cigars smoked and a decrease of 10 000 000 pounds in the consumption of snuff—a total increase in the use of tobacco of 1 000 000 000 and a decrease of 10 000 000 pounds

Internal revenue receipts from distilled spirits and other manufactures of alcohol showed an increase of 15 000 000 gallons in the production of spirits and there was a decrease of 1 000 000 gallons in the production of fermented liquors

The production of cigars and cigarettes increased 1 000 000 000 and the production of cigarettes decreased 1 000 000 000 while the production of snuff increased 10 000 000 pounds

The receipts from the tax on oleomargarine and other manufactures of oleomargarine which show an increase especially the former as with them there has been a general increase

ORDER FOR ENGINES

By New York Central and the Western Maryland Railroads

An order for ten locomotives has been placed with the New York Central railroad and one of the new engines will be used on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie line if Western Maryland is going to run some of its new division between Connellsville and Cumberland while other lines of the New York Central will get the quota

The locomotives will cost $7 000 each and will be delivered early in the spring

The New York Central is about to place in order of 1 000 new freight cars This is the first big order to be placed in months

HUSBAND'S NEW HOTEL

Elmer Cleveland of Johnstown Will Be New Proprietor

SOMERSET Nov 28—Elmer Cleveland of Johnstown was transacting business at Somerset this week Cleveland was engaged in the hotel business at Boswell several years ago and it is reported that he will again engage in the business in this county in charge of the new hotel being constructed by the Quecheanna Coal Company at Husband

This house will be ready for occupation and it is probable that a license will be asked for at the February court

Latrobe Girl Deported

LATROBE Pa Nov 28—(Special)—Bertie Shea a young girl of Latrobe 15 years old who came here from Hungary a year ago was deported Sunday She was employed here as a domestic was taken into custody by B H Mittelsmeier of the Department of Commerce and Labor at Pittsburg and W W Schrack a deputy

Burglars Drop Auto Tires

LATROBE Nov 28—(Special) Burglars entered the garage of L J O'Brien here last night but were surprised by O'Brien and fled dropping eight automobile tires and brass fixtures they had detached

Mr O'Brien was formerly Borough Engineer of Connellsville and is well known there

Fayette City Couple Wed

FAYETTE CITY Pa Nov 28—The news has just been made public in Fayette City of the marriage Wednesday at Jeannette of Miss Anna Stoumin of this place well known in musical and social circles in the Upper Monongahela valley and William S Sibel chief electrician of the Charleroi Belle Vernon & Fayette City Electric Railway Company

Charter Recorded

UNIONTOWN Nov 28—(Special)—The charter granted the Sunshine Supply Company on October 1 was recorded in Uniontown today The capital stock of the company is $20 000 the Directors being Francis Reed J P Topham and W J Sturgeis

New Telephone Line

Work is in motion of putting up the telephone service to the present development in connection between Dunbar Iron Works W Va and Cheat Haven Pa the Cheat Neck Telephone Company has been organized with M A McCormick of Fairchance is one of the principal stockholders

SEDERSKY & RAPPORT BUY MACE & CO.

Big Deal Between Business Firms Was Closed This Morning.

BIG STORE WILL BE USED

By Sedersky & Rapport For Furniture Business—Mace & Company's Force Will Remain to Sell Present Stock for New Purchasers

A big deal was consummated this day when Sedersky & Rapport furniture dealers purchased the entire business and furniture of Mace & Company and will immediately occupy the three floors with a full and complete line of furniture carpets and other goods of this nature to be found in Uniontown It is the intention to dispose of the Mace stock of stoves & Company in order to make room for the new goods The present force employed by Mace & Company will remain at the store until the big sale is over

The deal just concluded was arranged by the directing heads of the business of Sedersky & Rapport which has had a remarkable growth It was only a year ago that Sedersky went into partnership with Rapport in the furniture business in West Main street Later they opened a branch house in Mt Pleasant out and continued all manner of business until the firm of Sedersky & Rapport the book makers and furniture Mr Sedersky is a member of the firm of the business With the new deal in the furniture business in Uniontown the firm will be one of the strongest in the county

Sedersky & Rapport did not want business to come to them it was sought and sought Some time will be followed in the new quarters They predict their business will be the largest in the country under this roof and establish branches in their new quarters

Mr Mace of Mace & Company is the leading partner in the firm which bears his name He started in business in Big Store many years ago and during his valuable business career became one of the leading department stores of this part of Western Pennsylvania Mr Mace does not announce his future plans

MOLLESTON REUNION

Held at the Homestead in Dawson on Thanksgiving

DAWSON Nov 28—Mr and Mrs Joseph Wolf on Thanksgiving Day entertained a number of their friends at their home in Dawson Those present were Mr and Mrs Joseph Crow of Connellsville Mr and Mrs Molleston of the Dunbar Company Mr and Mrs C A Palmer of Dawson Mr and Mrs William J Molleston of Mt Pleasant Mr and Mrs John Molleston of Vanderbilt Mr and Mrs Robert Molleston of Connellsville Mrs Crow of Vanderbilt Misses Bertha Molleston of Mt Pleasant and Mrs Molleston of Connellsville

After a bountiful dinner had been served the guests spent the time in visiting the places of interest in the town Dawson was Mr and Mrs Molleston well known in Dawson as citizens of Dawson and vicinity Mr and Mrs Molleston have been citizens of Dawson for many years and are among the most respected of our citizens Little city is about as busy place as it possibly can be but we think there are few who are more deserving of the good wishes and respect of their fellow citizens

IN AGAIN OUT AGAIN

Proprietor Mitchell of Smithfield Again Takes of the Hotel Business

SMITHFIELD Nov 28—(Special) The Smithfield House has changed hands again Frank Cupizzo of Republic it is said is not much in the game and will be the new owner of Cupizzo was here Tuesday and examined the property from basement to attic with Mr Mitchell the present proprietor and was well pleased with the property and price and proceeded to give out a portion of the finishing

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D. R. PORTER HUSS DEAD

Prominent as Lawyer Editor and Politician at Waynesburg

WAYNESBURG Nov 28—(Special) Attorney D R Porter Huss aged 71 the oldest member of the Greene county bar is dead at his home here He was born in Franklin township near Fairmont and read law under the late A Buchanan Lewis admitted to the bar in 1858 In 1859 he married Miss Ida Jane Hanna who died a few months ago

Mr Huss was an active politician and was district attorney for three terms He also served as commissioner of the Department for party in Greene county during the first Cleveland campaign and was founder and owner editor and proprietor of the Greene County Democrat He was a member of the Presbyterian church

Surviving are the following children Attorney Simon R Huss of Waynesburg A Hartley Huss Washington D C Attorneys David R and James B Huss of Uniontown Mrs Ida D Huss at home Mrs W R Cooley Spokane Wash One sister Mrs Samuel Hughes of Waynesburg also survives

PAYING PRIMARY BILLS.

Fayette and Greene County Expenses Are Met by the State

HARRISBURG Pa Nov 28—(Special)—A number of bills of the primary held last June have been promptly cleared up and the officials have received now orders have been issued to the auditor general by the department of state for the general plan of the primary bill and the bill passed the bill Commonwealth however vetoed the bill

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LETTERS WENT SADLY ASTRAY.

Result Was Domestic Ruction in Home of Connellsville Man.

HIS VISITS TO MEYERSDALE

It Developed Were Not Strictly on Business, Wife Intercepted Letters and He Had to Make Embarrasing Explanations.

MEYERSDALE, Nov. 24.—Because of the winning ways of a Meyersdale girl and the exposure of a gay Lothario who trifled with her affections, love flew out the door of a Connellsville home and Mrs. Ross Stumm vows she is at outs with her husband forever.

Never again said Mrs. Stumm would she trust her "hubby" after the disclosures of last week. She lived with him for thirteen years and bore him three children, two of whom, a boy and a girl, are still living, but her domestic bliss ended when she discovered that her husband was playing the part of a gay Lotharia by passing himself off as a single or divorced man when away from home and making love to other women.

At least such were the representations made by Mrs. Stumm herself to a reporter last Saturday morning.

Ross Stumm is an electrician in the employ of the West Penn Electric Company in and around Connellsville. Several months ago he came in contact with a live wire and received a shock of 1100 volts which badly burned one of his arms, temporarily incapacitating him for his regular work. To fill in the time while his arm was healing, he secured a job as theatrical manager and came to Meyersdale with the Keyes Sisters Comedy Company during Fair week. That was the beginning of his undoing, or at least of the undoing of his wife's happiness, according to her statements backed by documentary evidence which she submitted to inspection.

It appears that during his stay here during Fair week, with the theatrical company he was managing, Stumm became smitten with the charms of a young saleswoman in one of the Meyersdale stores. He took her to the theatre and showed her various other attentions and has paid frequent visits to Meyersdale since to court the fair one who took him at his word that he was heart and fancy free without any domestic entanglements.

With the exception of only one or two weeks since the close of the Meyersdale Fair, Stumm has been spending his Sundays in Meyersdale away from his family. Mrs. Stumm says he explained that he was negotiating the purchase of a nickelodeon, in which she encouraged him. But alas! her eyes were at length opened to the fact that there was another attraction that drew her husband Meyersdaleward nearly every Saturday night, and this is how it came about, according to her statement:

Last Thursday Stumm returned to his home in Connellsville from Latrobe, where he had been working, and telephoned to a friend in Uniontown to call at the postoffice at that place and ask for mail addressed to him which he was to send to Connellsville with a conductor on one of the interburban cars. Stumm was to meet the car at a certain place and get the mail from the conductor. But it was Stumm's hard luck to miss the car at the point where the mail was to be delivered to him. The car later had to pass right in from of the door of the Stumm residence, and Mrs. Stumm happened to be at the front door as the car was passing. The conductor saw her and gave her the letters which he was to deliver to her husband.

Now if they had been business letters, addressed with a typewriter or in a masculine hand, Mrs. Stumm probably would not have thought to open them. But when she noted that they were enclosed in fancy envelopes addressed in a neat feminine hand, and postmarked Meyersdale, her curiosity overcame her, and she could not resist the temptation to ascertain who was her husband's fair correspondent.

The letters began with "Dear Ross" and were full of affection and endearing terms throughout, together with much information to show that the writer and Ross were acquaintances who made no pretense of concealing their feelings from each other.

Mrs. Stumm was stunned by this revelation and she lost no time in calling up the store where the young woman is employed, by long distance phone, and when she got Mr. Stumm's "affinity" to the other end of the wire, she demanded to know what she meant by trying to steal her husband. The girl began to cry and stated she did not know he had a lawful wife, as he had told her he was divorced three years ago.

Mrs Stumm was determined to get at the bottom of the matter, so she boarded a train for Meyersdale Friday afternoon, was met at the station by the "affinity," and mutual disclosures ensued, each telling the other what she knew about Ross Stumm's duplicity. They mingled their tears as well as confidences, and after Mrs. Stumm secured from the Meyersdale girl all the evidence she wanted concerning her husband's faithfulness, she sent for him and he arrived on No. 6 to soothe her ruffled feeling. Mrs. Stumm met him at the station; they dined together at the Colonial and departed on No. 15, Mr. Stumm apparently having succeeded in healing the breach occasioned by his precadillo, as the wife seemed to have completely forgotten her wrongs as she nestled by him on the train.

CRIMINAL COURT

In Westmoreland County Disposes of Many Cases.

GREENSBURG, Nov. 25.—Three prisoners were made happy Wednesday evening and permitted to join the fellowship of their relatives and friends on Thanksgiving Day. Walter A. McCloskey, Jesse M. Martin and Jacob Skolada were in court all week explaining to the court and jury all they knew about the murder charges which had been placed against them by the officers of the Commonwealth. The first two men were tried for the killing of Mele Opotich at Export last June. They proved to the jury that the killing was done in self-defense and they were acquitted.

Jacob Skolada was tried for the killing of Steve Bartosh at Udell mines in the early part of October. It entered in the evidence that the two men had been on good terms and that they had been drinking the day the man was killed. The jury after hearing the evidence, acquitted the prisoner.

In Judge McConnell's court, Wednesday afternoon, the trial of Walter McCloskey was set aside for a short time in order that a jury might be selected to hear testimony in the murder case against Jesse M. Martin. He and McCloskey were charged jointly with the murder of Meel Opotich. A serverance was granted and an order to have a jury ready as soon as the McCloskey case is finished the following jurors were selected:

W. R. Shuster, Salem township; W. P. McChesney, Salem township; H. H. Tarr, East Huntingdon township; W. S. McClure, Franklin township; B. E. Carroll, Jeannette; Charles Walters, Madison; Leroy C. Kessler, Scottdale. P. O. Piper, Derry; T. H. Elder, Derry; M. P. Hillis, Hempfield township; Nelson Horning, Greensburg; W. Kinney, Vandergrift.

MOTIONS FOR JUDGMENT.

For $20,000 Filed Against the Tri-State Telephone Company.

Motions for judgment against the Tri-State Telephone Company, aggregating over $20,000, were filed Wednesday afternoon, by the First National Bank of Uniontown, the National Bank of Fayette county, and J. M. Jenkins. The suits were brought on notes. The defendant company, Tuesday, filed answers to the original suit. Motion for judgment was made for want of sufficient affidavits of defense.

The notes held by the banks are for $10,000 each. The defendant's answer denied any obligations at the present time. This, the plaintiff avers, insufficient. "The affidavit of defense," the plaintiff says in support of its motion, "admits the original indebtedness charged in the plaintiff's statement, and the execution of delivery of the note mentioned, and the original liability of the indebtedness."

The plaintiff also sets forth that if the defendant was liable for the payment at one time, it was also liable at the date of the bringing of the suits unless discharged from payment thereof. The notes not having been paid the plaintiff claims right of judgment.

DISPUTE RIGHTS

Of Western Maryland Railroad Company in Vicinity of Meyersdale.

SOMERSET, Pa., Nov. 24.—The Western Maryland Railroad Company has filed a bill in equity against Flora S. Black and Frank B. Black, her husband of Meyersdale, to restrain the defendants from tearing up and removing a certain pipe line recently constructed as part of the Connellsville & State Line railroad, a subsidiary concern which will operate a line of railroad from Pittsburg to Cumberland, Md., and which now has under way extensive construction work in the southern part of the county.

The plaintiff railroad company alleges that the pipe line in question was constructed in 1872 on a farm then owned by Solomon Yoder in Summit township, which was subsequently acquired by the defendants, Mr. and Mrs. Black. There is also a dam on a stream crossing the property of the defendants, the purpose of the dam and pipe line being to supply a water tank.

After filing the bill it was agreed that the waters should remain as they are until such time as a hearing can be had before the court and the matter determined.

RED CROSS CAR

To Improve Mine Rescue Work To Go on the Road.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Covering a wider field than the portable rescue station being put into service by the Bureau of Mines, a car will be put on the road by the American Red Cross Society about December 5, which will teach first aid to the injured work to railroad employes at factories, as well as covering other ground where there is danger as "The American Red Cross First Aid Car" will cover a somewhat different field than the Bureau of Mines cars, it will do work in the mining districts and also will be available in case of mine disasters.

The car which now is in Buffalo, N. Y., receiving its equipment, was presented to the American Red Cross Society by the Pullman Car Company, and the railroads, it is said, will make no charge for hauling the portable first aid school throughout the country. Dr. M. Whitfield Glasgow, of Birmingham, Ala., will have charge of the car.

E. E. WHITE DIES OF HIS WOUNDS.

Was Accidentally Shot Near Normalville a Week Ago.

PNEUMONIA LATER DEVELOPED

And Was the Immediate Cause of Death—Companion on Hunting Trip Is Exonerated—Both Men Residents of McKeesport.

Ellis E. White, who was accidently shot at Normalville Tuesday afternoon, one week ago by his friend, Jesse McCafferty, died Friday morning at 3 o'clock at the Cottage State hospital. Both men were from McKeesport and on Monday a week ago they left for Springfield township on a hunting trip. McCafferty's gun was accidentally discharged and a large quantity of shot and powder entered White's back. At first his condition was not considered serious, but later pneumonia set in and resulted in his death.

Mrs. White, wife of the deceased, has been at the hospital the greater part of the time since the accident occurred and was with her husband when death came. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. E. Sims' undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Coroner H. J. Ball was notified of the death and after learning of the circumstances of the accident he decided an inquest was not necessary.

Mrs. White stated that Mr. McCafferty and her husband were mutual friends and there is no doubt, but what the shooting was accidental. The remains were shipped to McKeesport this afternoon on B. & O. train No. 7.

Mr. White was born in Ohio and had resided at McKeesport for the past five years. He was a carpenter by trade and was well and favorably known in McKeesport. His widow is prostrated over his untimely death. In addition to his widow he is survived by three children.

TRAINS SUSPEND

Service on Pittsburg & Somerset Railroad For Winter.

Beginning with the first of December, the passenger service over the Pittsburg, Westmoreland & Somerset railroad will be discontinued, announcement to this effect having been made by the company yesterday morning. It is likely that there will be no passenger trains run over the road during the entire winter, the present intention of the company being to this effect. It is because of the trouble encountered with snow drifts in the mountains, tying up the line ten days at a time, and making railroading terribly expensive that the discontinuance of the passenger service has been decided upon.

Last year, it will be recalled, the train was held up for several days, because of a snow storm, while during the severe winter season, it was almost impossible to run on schedule time. The fact that the Pennsylvania company will make it impossible after next Sunday for Somerset county residents to make close connections for the west at Latrobe is supposed to have had something to do with the company's decision, as it will mean a considerable falling off in the passenger patronage.

A PECULIAR ERROR

By Which McKeesport Paid $20,000 Too Much to Contractors.

A blunder which has deprived the city of McKeesport of the use of more than $20,000 for the past two years was exposed last night when an audit of the books of that city's water department was presented to the Auditing Committee of Councils.

At the next meeting of the Tube City fathers it will be explained to them that on October 28, 1908, the Bowman Brothers' Company, a contracting firm, was paid $20,604.84 too much for building the McKeesport filtration plant. It will also be explained that the blunder was not discovered until an auditing company came upon it two weeks ago, and then Bowman Brothers Company was notified and the amount was made good, with interest.

Upon whose shoulders lies the blame for the oversight that might have cost McKeesport a pretty sum had not some of its more progressive citizens fought for more than a year for a clear statement of the city's financial condition, has not yet been ascertained.

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GAS EXPLOSION

In Home of Fairmont Man Kills One and Injures Five.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Nov. 25.—One woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Fast, was killed and five persons injured in a gas explosion which destroyed the home of Clyde Fast yesterday morning. Fast was lighting the cook stove in the kitchen when the gas, which had escaped from a pipe under the stove, exploded. Four members of the family were blown out of the house into the street and Fast and his wife were caught in the wreckage. The home caught fire and was destroyed.

When Mr. Fast went to the kitchen to light the cook stove all the occupants of the house were in bed, in rooms on the second floor. When Fast put a lighted match to the gas jet the gas exploded. It is thought there must have been a pocket of gas in the seams of the kitchen floor. The explosion blew Fast against the kitchen wall and he fell into the basement of the house when the kitchen floor collapsed.

The house was a frame dwelling and the timbers and joists were disjointed by the explosion and the walls of the house fell down. The Fast children were sleeping on the second floor and were blown into the yard.

The wife of Mr. Fast was dropped into the basement when the house collapsed. She was imprisoned among the broken timbers and was asphyxiated by gas and dust before she could be rescued.

The aged mother of the baggage master was blown from her bed into the street and Ruth Fast, the niece, was blown into the back yard.

THANKSGIVING

As Observed by Patients in the Cottage State Hospital.

Twenty patients are their Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at the Cottage State hospital and despite the fact that only eight of the number were able to go to the dining room, the dinner was enjoyed equally as well by those who ate in their ward. A turkey dinner was served promptly at 12 o'clock and all the patients were in the best of spirits and ate heartily of the bountiful repast. The table was prettily decorated with roses sent by the W. C. T. U. and the wards were also brightened with the same flowers.

Donations to the hospital were very plentiful this year. Early on Thursday the Sunshine Band of the First Presbyterian Church, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Mae Brown, visited the hospital and left a donation of apples, oranges, bananas, canned fruit and jellies. Several selections were rendered by the children. Room No. 7 of the Seventh street school, West Side, also donated fruit and jellies, while W. T. Mair donated three large turkeys. Following its usual custom, the W. C. T. U. donated several dozen towels.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT

On the Pennsylvania Railroad in Which Man is Killed.

GREENSBURG, Nov. 25.—One man was killed and two others injured when the crown sheet of a locomotive blew out on a freight train on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, near Manor, yesterday morning. The engine was put out of commission and traffic was delayed for almost an hour. The dead:

J. L. Roach, aged 26, married, of Altoona, a brakeman on the freight train, who was riding on the engine, blown out of the engine onto the tracks and run down by another train. The injured: James McFeeters, aged 40, of Pittsburg, engineer of the freight, scalded by escaping steam; J. O. Griffith, aged 24, of Altoona, fireman on the freight, scalded by escaping steam; condition serious.

The freight was eastbound, a few miles east of Manor, when the explosion occurred. McFeeters and Griffith jumped. Roach, who was riding on the engine, was blown through the cab window. Before any of the train crew could reach him a passenger train came thundering along and passed over the prostrate man.

WORK STARTED

Stringing Mile of Wire on New West Penn Extension.

Work was started Friday morning stringing about a mile of trolley line on the new West Penn extension between Lehmann No. 3 and Juniata. Superintendent of Line Construction Rodgers had his men out on the job early and expects to have the task about completed this evening.

As soon as the line is strung it will be possible to get work cars to the unfinished portion, giving Chief Engineer Fritsch's construction gang an opportunity to complete the line to Juniata. It was stated today that there is no reason to amend the original statement that cars will be running to Juniata by December 15.

An ad in The Weekly Courier may sell your coal land or property.

REGISTER AND CLERK'S NOTICE

The following Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court and the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans' Court of Fayette county, at the Court House, Uniontown, on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1910

No.	Estate of	Accounts.	Filed
1	Farquhar, Sarah C	James Farquhar, executor	Aug. 9, 1910
2	Conrad, George G	Liberty Title & Trust Co., trust co	Aug. 15, 1910
3	Wurm, Mary J.	Samuel B. Hamilton, administrator c. t. a.	Aug. 16, 1910
4	Wiggins, Mary C	Jesse T. Wiggins, acting executor	Sept. 7, 1910
5	Kamp, William F	H. George May, administrator	Sept. 9, 1910
6	Brownfield, Donald	Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Pittsburg, guardian	Sept. 9, 1910
7	Boyer, Benjamin	Nelson Boyer, administrator	Sept. 20, 1910
8	Adams, Willard	S. R. Goldsmith, administrator	Oct. 1, 1910
9	Meese, Sarah A	J. W. Cooley, administrator	Oct. 3, 1910
10	Askey, Calvin O.	Celia A. Askey, administratrix	Oct. 5, 1910
11	Sipe, Elizabeth	Allen W. Sipe, administrator	Oct. 12, 1910
12	Wilson, Amanda	Homer T. Wilson, administrator	Oct. 18, 1910
13	Shipley, John	E. G. Shipley, administrator	Oct. 20, 1910
14	Hundlin, Mary	Daniel Hundlin, executor	Oct. 24, 1910
15	Spargle, Robert G. now deceased	Wm. W. Parshall, guardian	Oct. 24, 1910
16	Meyer, Catherine	Thomas J. Meyer, executor	Oct. 25, 1910
17	McCray, Francis W	George W. McCray, administrator	Oct. 25, 1910
18	Hoover, Phoebe	J. Harvey Hoover, administrator	Oct. 27, 1910
19	Lane, William	Catherine Lane, administratrix	Oct. 28, 1910
20	Finch, James Minor Bell	Citizens Title & Trust Co., of Uniontown, Pa., guardian	Oct. 28, 1910
21	Ayers, Daniel	Lizzie Ayers, administratrix	Oct. 29, 1910
22	Crawford, Sheridan L	Mary E. Crawford, administratrix	Oct. 29, 1910
23	McCray, Alexander	James E. McCray, administrator	Oct. 29, 1910
24	Robinson, Thomas	Perry Robinson and Martha Conn, executors	Oct. 29, 1910
25	Miller, Herman	Garfield Miller, administrator	Oct. 31, 1910
26	Beatty, C. S.	Charles S. Beatty, administrator	Oct. 31, 1910
27	Steel, Scott B	Frank P. Henshaw, guardian	Oct. 31, 1910
28	Brinkey, Lida Ann	John H. Brinkey, administrator	Nov. 1, 1910
29	Sterling, Andrew	Silas A. Sterling and Frank A. Gallatin, administrators	Nov. 2, 1910
30	Reagan, Weldon	Tom Reagan, administrator	Nov. 1, 1910
31	Porterfield, Simon	Geo. Korn and Tilden H. Korn, administrators	Nov. 2, 1910
32	Mickey, James	Citizens Title & Trust Co., guardian	Nov. 2, 1910
33	Coffman, John B	Andrew J. Coffman and Albert J. Coffman, administrators	Nov. 2, 1910
34	Gibson, Lloyd C	Ben A. Wagner, administrator	Nov. 3, 1910
35	Dearth, Sarah	Joseph H. Kerr, executor	Nov. 3, 1910
36	Perry, Lida F., now Pennenberg	Joseph H. Kerr, guardian	Nov. 3, 1910
37	Dearth, Sarah	Joseph H. Kerr, trustee	Nov. 3, 1910
38	Snyder, Alice M. now Jackson	Samuel Snyder, guardian	Nov. 3, 1910
39	Hibbs, Jefferson W	Theodore V. Hibbs, executor	Nov. 3, 1910
40	Shaffer, William H	Jennie Keller, administratrix	Nov. 3, 1910
41	Nossl, Lorenzo	Title & Trust Co. of Western Penna., administrator	Nov. 3, 1910
42	Hand, Eliza A	Ada M. Crow and Frank Hastend, executors	Nov. 3, 1910
43	Moser, Jacob	Chas. E. Moser and Walter E. Moser, administrators	Nov. 4, 1910
44	Hatfield, Elias	John F. Hess, Executor	Nov. 5, 1910
45	Wurtz, John H	R. D. Beary and A. J. Wurtz, administrators	Nov. 5, 1910

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court, Uniontown, Pa., November 5, 1910.

AUDIT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the above accounts will be taken up for audit and distribution before James C. Work, President Judge of the Orphans' Court of Fayette County, at the Court House, at 10 o'clock on each of the following days, viz.: Accounts Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive, on Thursday, December 22, 1910. Nos. 9 to 16, inclusive, on Friday, December 23, 1910. Nos. 17 to 24, inclusive, on Wednesday, December 28, 1910. Nos. 25 to 32, inclusive, on Thursday, December 29, 1910. Nos. 33 to 45, inclusive, on Friday, December 30, 1910, which cases will be called for hearing on the day and time set for the same, at which time and place creditors, heirs and all other persons interested shall appear if they see fit, and present their claims against the said estate, or forever be debarred from coming upon said fund.

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
Clerks of Orphans' Court.

NEW TRACKS

For the Baltimore & Ohio Between Rockwood and Somerset.

SOMERSET, Nov. 24.—Work on the new track the borough has been building north of town, a short distance from the B. & O. station, has been completed, and after thorough tests have been connected up with the main, with the result that the supply of water has been very materially increased. The well supplies about 800 gallons per foot and has a low water table. It is believed that when several additional wells tapping the same have been completed and proper pumping machinery has been installed that the difficulty experienced during the frequent water famines will be done away with. On Saturday an election will be held to ratify the sentiment of the voters of the borough regarding an additional bond issue of $25,000 to cover the cost of these new wells and equipment.

A few days ago the Lane-Shoemaker Contracting Company of Philadelphia, the firm which is constructing the new lines of the B. & O. railroad in this county, commenced the work of laying an additional track from Rockwood to Somerset over a new grade which was quilted last summer. The width of way is about 100 feet and from the present tracks, and cuts and fills are eliminated. A large force of workmen are now engaged and the nine miles of new track will be completed by spring, unless the weather become very unfavorable. The Lane-Shoemaker Company is the firm which is constructing the new B. & O. line from Somerset to Acosta, capping 16 rich Jennner oil fields, on which work has been in progress for several months and a large part of which has been completed.

In addition to the above railroad activities the Connellsville & State Line railroad, which is believed to be the Western Maryland and the Wabash is working on their right of way in the southern part of the county and near Meyersdale. Rockwood and other towns are extensive construction work under way.

The large attendance at the teachers institute still continues, and many people who are desirous of attending the sessions have been unable to obtain seats. The lecture last evening by Hon. J. Adam Bede, on the subject, "Our Nation, its problems and progress" was largely attended and was very interesting. Tonight Senator T. P. Gore of Oklahoma will deliver an address on "Social duty." Today's program follows: Devotional exercises by Rev. H. C. Lewis, "An Appreciation of the Vision of Sir Launfal," by Dr. T. H. Crosby, "The Hero in History," by Superintendent S. H. Tuego. "The School and Society," by Dr. Charles C. Ellis. "Slavery in American Politics," by Supt. S. H. Tuego. "Arnold of Rugby," by Dr. Charles C. Ellis. "Wanderings in Westminster Abbey," by Dr. D. H. Green.

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Legal Notices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the first and final account of P. A. Johns, sheriff of Fayette county, trustee in the sale of real estate in the partition proceedings amongst the heirs of Adolphus Campbell, deceased, in the Court of Common Pleas of said county at No. 350 June term 1900, has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1910, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary.

WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., November 8th, 1910. 10novdtw

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the second and final account of S. R. Goldsmith, assignee of John S. Patterson of the Borough of Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, an Insolvent has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1910, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary.

WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., November 8, 1910. 10novdtw

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the fourth account of W. S. Craft, Committee of Isaac Brewer of Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pa., (A Lunatic) has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1910, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary.

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Plant Inspection Under Way Now By United States Steel Corporation.

Executive officials of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company during the past week have been making an inspection of the various plants of that company throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and are preparing for the reports to be submitted to the annual meeting of the United States Steel Corporation. The annual visits also of the officers of the other subsidiary companies of the corporation are to take place during the next few days. These include the Carnegie Steel Company, the American Steel and Wire Company, the National Tube Company and the American Bridge Company, while other subsidiary companies likely will follow in the immediate future.

The reports of these companies include recommendations for improvements and extensions that will be carried out during the coming year, and the budget of maintenance and expenses for improvements will be arranged for the financial men of the concern to provide for or prune down. No statement of the recommendations, of course, will be made known for some time. It is stated now, however, that the Carnegie Steel Company has plans in view for changing many features of the Edgar Thompson works at Braddock and reviewing that plant through the production of new materials. It is also likely that the same company will build additions to its steel car wheel department at McKees Rocks, where additional property has just been purchased.

Continued improvement and enlargement of the plants for the new sheet and tin plate plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company at Gary, Ind., are expected to be included in the report of this company. Immediate increase in coke oven capacity by the Frick Coke Company is not expected, but a replacement of some of the oven plants which have cleaned up the coal properties is likely.

During the coming year, it is expected by the operating officials of the corporation, that some definite steps will be taken toward the first construction of the great scientific branch of the steel industry as represented in the research labratory that will go up back of Duquesne, and which will be for the development of every new idea for the improvement of process and products that come under the head of Steel Corporation interests. The cost of this great labratory will approximate $3,000,000, and may be a much larger sum as the plans are further developed. Models of many kinds of steel mills, blast furnaces, open hearth and electric furnaces, cement processes and facilities are developing. In fact, every known process for making raw steel, iron and the lighter finished forms of steel.

CONSERVATION LOSSES GREAT

In the Lumber Business From Increase of Small Mills.

WHAT CENSUS REPORT SHOWS

No Section of the Country Has Monopoly of the Lumber Business and Eight States Produced in 1909 Over Two Billion Feet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—Comparisons made between totals of lumber production and of lumber producers in the preliminary report of the Department of Commerce and Labor on lumber, lath and shingles show increases of both in amounts that bode ill for conservation and for profits to the mills. The production has leaped from over 35 billion feet to over 44½ billion feet in ten years. The mills have increased from 31,833 in 1899 to 48,322 in 1909. These figures show that the small mill must have greatly increased in numbers. As the small mill is wasteful and not a conserver of the forests the showing is regarded with alarm.

The comparisons of the totals in the recent report with those of mid-census reports were held misleading because the decennial census gets practically all the mills whereas mid-census reports, made by the Census Bureau and the Forest Service, are conducted by correspondence and fail to get thousands of mills.

The decennial census of 1899 showed a total production of 35,084,766,000. The increase therefore has been 27 per cent. in ten years. During the same period the population increased only 10 per cent.

These figures serve to explain the unprofitable prices which lumber manufacturers have complained of. With standing timber prices increasing, because of growing scarcity, and with labor and supplies at higher costs many of the mills in all parts of the country report that they are losing money. Others, probably the majority, are reported to be doing business without profit or loss and comparatively few are reported to be making a reasonable profit. These prices refer to those secured by the lumber manufacturer and not those made by dealers to consumers.

The report of the United States Forest Service for July, August and September showed average prices at the mill for Douglas fir in Oregon of $11.96 a thousand feet; western hemlock in Washington of 10.38; western pine in Idaho of $18.25; western yellow pine in Washington of $13.50 North Carolina pine in North Carolina of $12.99; yellow pine in the lower Mississippi valley of about 13.50; hemlock about $16.50; plain oak of $22.50, and so on through the list.

The estimate made by the Forest Service that the rate of consumption of timber is about four times the annual growth indicates, when these figures of consumption are considered, that the forests are being destroyed at an accelerated rate. Too much lumber has been made for the business welfare of its producers and prices are too low for the proper utilization of the forest and for its conservation, although consumers will be pleased for the time being.

The most striking fact of the preliminary report was regarded to be the wide distribution of the lumber industry. No grand section of the country has any monopoly of lumbering for among the leading states are those so widely scattered as Washington, Louisianna, North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Maine. Forty-five of the states and territories were represented in the report, the last and smallest producers on the list being Kansas with an output of only 5,000,000 feet. The product of each of 36 states exceeded 100,000,000 feet, that of 27 states exceeded 500,000,000 feet, that of 19 states exceeded 1,000,000 feet and that of eight states exceeded 2,000,000 feet. The report went to confirm the contention that the lumber industry cannot be controlled by a trust because of the wide distribution of the product and the competition between the various woods and the various states which has made it impossible to unite any sufficient number of mills to affect prices.

The states which produces over 1,000,000 feet of lumber in the order of magnitude were the following: Washington, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Texas, Wisconsin, Oregan, Michigan, Alabama, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, California and Maine.

It has been thought by economists that the consumption of lumber per capita in the United States was decreasing owing to the increasing use of substitutes, of which the most important is cement but this preliminary census report controverts the idea although it is held possible that during the last few years of the census decade a change may have taken place.

The persistance of forest growth when it has the opportunity is shown by the maintenance of product in some of the oldest lumbering states. Maine has been a lumber producer for 200 years, for it was regularly visited by vessels in search of masts for his Majesty's navy before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, yet in 1909 it was the nineteenth in volume of production, furnishing 1,117,000,000 feet of the lumber supply of the country. But instead of producing almost exclusively white pine as was once the case, now it produces almost entirely spruce.

Another old state in lumber production is Pennsylvania, now thirteenth on the list, with an output of 1,538,000,000 feet. This is not strange, however, when we remember that among leaders in product are such other old states as North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

But the new blood in the lumber business is found in Washington, which produces about 8.7 per cent of the entire product of the country, though closely followed by Louisiana.

The control of standing timber is a question which is only indirectly met by the census figures but all of the 48,000 saw mills have to cut from the present supply. Most large mills have their own supplies, because they must have raw material enough to last for years if the large investment of mills, railroads and other equipment are to be justified. The small mills which buy from hand to mouth, have been increasing in numbers rapidly because there still is a vast amount of timber outside of the holdings of what are called the large operators in the timber industry. The small mill is not a conserver of the forests, but is wasteful in its methods because of the small capital that is usually back of it and the crude methods which it is obliged to adopt.

JOHNSTOWN KICKS.

New Schedule of the B. & O. Does Not Suit There at All.

Johnstown is making a kick against the new schedule of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on its Somerset & Cambria branch. The objection is to starting the morning train to Rockwood at 5.10 instead of 6 o'clock, as at present.

Traveling men are kicking because the earlier leaving time will get them to towns along the branch long before stores are opened for business.

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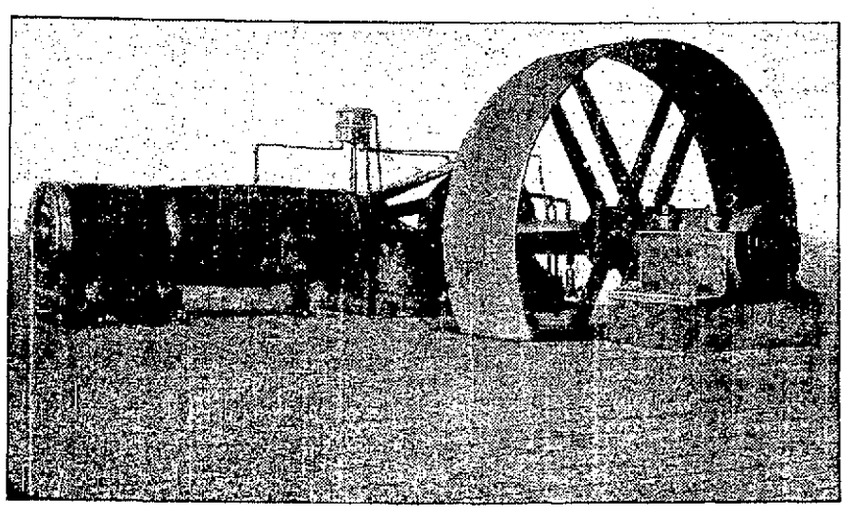

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